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# MALAYSIA CONFERENCE.

## Chronological Roll.

Joined Malaysia Conf.	NAME.*	Home Conference.	Admitted on Trial.	Full Membership.	In what year of Vernacular Study.†															
					Chinese.															
					Malay.	Tamil.	Sundanese.	Dutch.	Javanese.	Hokkien.	Foochow.	Hakka.	Cantonese.	Hinghua.						
1888	WEST, B. F. ..	Bengal	1888	1890	p	p	..	..	..	..	p	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1890	SHELLABEAR, W. G. ..	Bengal	1890	1892	p	p	..	..	..	..	p	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1893	PKYKETT, G. F. ..	Malaysia	1893	1895	p	p	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1894	HORLEY, W. E. ..	Malaysia	1894	1896	p	p	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	p	..	..	..	..	..
1898	DENYES, J. R. ..	Malaysia	1898	1900	p	p	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1900	CHERRY, W. T. ..	Troy	1898	1900	p	p	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
—	HOOVER, J. M. ..	Malaysia	1900	1902	p	p	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
—	VANDYKE, B. F. ..	Malaysia	1900	1903	p	p	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1903	PEASE, K. E. ..	Malaysia	1903	1905	p	p	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1905	KONG IAU SIONG ..	Malaysia	1905	1907	p	..	..	..	..	..	..	x	..	..	M	..	..	..	..	..
1907	LAU YIP HENG ..	Malaysia	1907	1911	p	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	x	..	..	..	..	M
1908	TAI PO TING ..	Malaysia	1908	1911	p	..	..	..	..	..	..	x	..	M	..	..	..	..	..	..
1909	BAUGHMAN, B. J. ..	Malaysia	1909	1911	p	p	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
—	JESUDASEN, Y. J. ..	Malaysia	1909	1911	p	..	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
—	SULLIVAN, F. H. ..	Malaysia	1909	1911	p	4	..	..	2	..	..	3	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
1911	NG KHOAN JIU ..	Malaysia	1911	1913	p	..	..	..	..	..	..	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1912	DAVIS, C. E. ..	S. W. Kan.	1911	1915	4	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
—	ISAAC, EDWARD ..	So. India	1907	1909	p	..	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1913	LIM PO CHIN ..	Foochow	1891	1894	p	..	..	..	..	..	..	x	x	..	..	..	..	..	..	M
—	PARKER, W. G. ..	S. W. Kan.	1911	1915	p	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
—	SAMUEL, V. ..	Malaysia	1913	1915	p	..	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1914	DENG PING DENG ..	Hinghua	1908	1910	p	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	M
—	DEVASAHAYAM, V. ..	Malaysia	1914	1916	p	..	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
—	NAGLE, J. S. ..	Malaysia	1914	1916	p	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
—	SUPRAMANIAM, J. A. ..	Malaysia	1914	1916	p	x	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1915	<i>Pakianathan, S.</i> ..	Malaysia	1915	1918	3	..	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1916	BOWMAR, T. W. ..	Malaysia	1916	1918	p	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
—	<i>Jones, T. E.</i> ..	Malaysia	1916	—	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
—	<i>Peach, P. L.</i> ..	New Eng.	1916	1918	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1917	HALL, C. J. ..	New Eng.	1916	1918	p	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
—	LIM HONG BAN ..	Hinghua	1902	—	p	..	..	..	..	..	..	x	x	..	..	..	..	..	..	M
—	THOMAS, R. F. ..	North. N. Y.	1912	1914	p	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1918	<i>Li Hok Hiang</i> ..	Malaysia	1918	1920	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	M	..	..	..	..	..	..
—	<i>Proebstel, Lester</i> ..	Malaysia	1918	1920	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
—	<i>Silverthorn, R. H.</i> ..	Malaysia	1918	1920	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
—	<i>Swift, E. D.</i> ..	Malaysia	1918	—	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1919	Doraisamy, Robert ..	Malaysia	1919	—	2	..	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
—	Ponniah, Paul ..	Malaysia	1919	—	1	..	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1920	<i>Blasdell, R. A.</i> ..	New Eng.	1918	1920	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
—	<i>Baird, E. S.</i> ..	Malaysia	1920	—	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
—	HOLMAN, C. E. ..	N. W. Iowa	1910	1914	p	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
—	Li Ko Ding ..	Hinghua	—	—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	M
—	<i>Lee Chye Yan</i> ..	Malaysia	1920	—	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	M

\*Small capitals are used for Elders, italics for Deacons.

p. Passed entire course.

†Asiatic preachers are marked M in their mother tongue, and x in other languages in which they can preach.



## Officers of the Conference.

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### Malaysia Conference.

*Presiding Bishop:*

Bishop J. W. ROBINSON, D.D.

<i>Secretary</i> .. .. .	R. H. SILVERTHORN.
<i>Assistant Secretary</i> .. .. .	C. J. HALL.
<i>Statistician</i> .. .. .	T. W. BOWMAR.
<i>Treasurer</i> .. .. .	R. A. BLASDELL.
<i>Sunday School Secretary</i> .. .. .	T. W. BOWMAR.
<i>Mission Treasurer and Conference Auditor</i> ..	G. H. LITTLE.
<i>Corresponding Secretary Finance Committee</i> ..	J. S. NAGLE.
<i>Educational Secretary</i> .. .. .	J. S. NAGLE.
<i>Secretary Board of Building and Location (Incorporated)</i> .. .. .	G. H. LITTLE.

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Any of the above officers may be addressed c/o Methodist Publishing House, Singapore.

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### Officers of Conference Societies.

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Epworth League.

<i>President</i> .. .. .	P. L. PEACH.
<i>First Vice-President</i> .. .. .	HO SENG ONG.
<i>Second Vice-President</i> .. .. .	D. SUNDRAM.
<i>Third Vice-President</i> .. .. .	WONG AH WAH.
<i>Fourth Vice-President</i> .. .. .	V. L. JOSHUA.
<i>Secretary</i> .. .. .	THOMAS R. ABRAHAM.
<i>Treasurer</i> .. .. .	CHUAH KIM HUAT.
<i>Superintendent of Junior Leagues</i> .. .. .	MISS E. ELLIOTT.

## Conference Boards and Committees.

### Board of Education.

*F. M. S. District*:—W. G. Parker, R. H. Silverthorn, P. L. Peach, R. A. Blasdell, Miss Marsh, Miss Atkins. *Paikaranathan*  
*Penang District*:—G. F. Pykett, Y. J. Jesudasan, V. Samuel, Miss Bunce.  
*Singapore District*:—J. S. Nagle, F. H. Sullivan, Miss M. Olson, Miss Blackmore, Miss Jackson, Cheng Chang Lok.  
*Sarawak District*:—Goh Hood Keng, Ling Chung Hiuk.  
*At large*:—H. M. Hoisington.

### Board of Examiners.

*Parker*  
F. H. Sullivan, *Chairman*; J. S. Nagle, W. E. Horley, Y. J. Jesudasan, Lau Yip Heng, Lim Poh Chin, Ng Khoan Jiu, G. F. Pykett, Lim Hong Ban, W. G. Parker, C. E. Holman. *W. T. Chong*

### Finance Committee.

*Ex-Officio*:—J. S. Nagle, J. M. Hoover, G. F. Pykett, W. E. Horley, G. H. Little. *Peach*  
*Elective Members*:—F. H. Sullivan, W. G. Parker, P. L. Peach, R. H. Silverthorn, C. E. Holman.

### Conference Auditors.

*Mission Treasurer's Accounts*:—J. S. Nagle, J. E. Throne.  
*Publishing House Accounts*:—Gathey and Bateman, Incorporated Accountants.  
*Other Accounts*:—G. H. Little, Conference Auditor.

### Conference Stewards.

*Class A*:—J. A. Supramaniam, F. H. Sullivan. *Class B*:—W. G. Parker, Lim Hong Ban. *Class C*:—Ng Khoan Jiu, R. A. Blasdell.

### Local Publishing Committee.

*Malaysia Conference*:—W. G. Sheffabear, G. H. Little, F. H. Sullivan, G. F. Pykett, J. S. Nagle, John Polglase, Esq., A. Long, Esq.  
*Netherlands Indies Conference*:—H. B. Mansell, A. V. Klaus, R. L. Archer.

### Triers of Appeals.

C. E. Holman, W. G. Parker, Y. J. Jesudasan, R. A. Blasdell, Lim Hong Ban.  
*Reserves*:—F. H. Sullivan, Lim Poh Chin.

### Committee on Conference Relations.

*W. T. Chong*  
R. H. Silverthorn, Kong Iau Siong, W. G. Parker, Y. J. Jesudasan, J. A. Supramaniam.

### Committee on Public Morals.

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### Committee on Literature and Tract Work.

The Local Publishing Committee.



**Committee on Foreign Missions.**

C. E. Holman, Lim Poh Chin, Khoo Cheng Hoe, ~~S. A. Phillips~~, R. Doraisamy,  
Loh Wun Hin.

**Committee on Sunday Schools.**

W. G. Parker, V. Samuel, Li Hok Hiang, Goh Hood Keng, *Robert Peach*,  
Lim Hong Ban,

**Committee on State of Church.**

R. A. Blasdell, ~~J. S. Nagle~~, *J. S. Board*, V. Devasahayam, C. E. Holman, Khoo Cheng Hoe, *Jeanes*

**Committee on District Conference Minutes.**

R. A. Blasdell, ~~F. H. Sullivan~~, *J. S. Board*, Y. J. Jesudasan, Mrs. Hoover.

**Sanitarium Committee.**

W. E. Horley in charge. Miss L. Anderson, Miss Jackson, ~~G. H. Little~~.

**Board of Control of Jean Hamilton Training School.**

*Malaysia Conference*:—The Educational Secretary, F. H. Sullivan, G. F. Pykett,  
(ministerial). Chen Su Lan, A. Long, Goh Hood Keng (lay).

*Netherlands Indies Conference*:—

**Board of Building and Location.**

The Members of Finance Committee. Secretary W. T. Cherry,

**School Finance Committee.**

District Superintendents, Principals, Mission Treasurer, and Conference Auditor,  
with power to add to their numbers.

**Special Committees.****Centenary Commission.**

<i>Executive Secretary</i> ..	..	..	..	..	W. G. Parker.
<i>Dept. of Intercession</i> ..	..	..	..	..	P. L. Peach.
<i>Dept. of Stewardship</i> ..	..	..	..	..	C. E. Holman.
<i>Dept. of Life Service</i> ..	..	..	..	..	F. H. Sullivan.
<i>Dept. of Minute Men</i> ..	..	..	..	..	J. A. Supramaniam.
<i>Dept. of Evangelism</i> ..	..	..	..	..	W. E. Horley.
<i>Dept. of Finance</i> ..	..	..	..	..	J. S. Nagle.
<i>Dept. of Publicity</i> ..	..	..	..	..	W. C. Crawford.

**Publishing Minutes.**

Conference Secretary, the Publishing Agent and C. E. Holman.

**Directors C. Y. M. S., Kuala Lumpur, F. M. S.**

W. G. Parker, Lau Yip Heng, Loh Wun Hin, Cheong Tsi Seng.



## Disciplinary Questions.

1.—*Is this Annual Conference Incorporated according to the Requirement of the Discipline?*

Yes. According to the law of the land in which we live. The Secy. of the Board of Building and Location of the Methodist Episcopal Church is incorporated by Ordinance V of 1908 in the Straits Settlements, and also by Enactment No. 13 of 1914 in the Federated Malay States, and this corporation is recognised by the Netherlands Indies Government.

2.—*Who have been received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?*

Li Ko Ding, Hinghua Conference. Calvin E. Holman, N. W. Iowa, Robert A. Blasdel, New England Conf.

3.—*Who have been readmitted?*

None.

4.—*Who have been received on Credentials, and from what Churches?*

None.

5.—*Who have been received on trial?*

(a) *In Studies of First Year.*

Edward S. Baird, Lee Chye Yan. ✓

6.—*Who have been continued on trial?*

(a) *In Studies of First Year.*

Robert Dean Swift, Ponniah Paul. ✓

(b) *In Studies of Second Year.*

Thomas R. Jones, Robert Doraisamy. ✓

(c) *In Studies of Third Year.*

None. ✓

(d) *In Studies of Fourth Year.*

None. ✓

7.—*Who have been Discontinued?*

Robert S. Fraser, Loh Wun Hin, Samuel A. Phillips.

8.—*Who have been admitted into Full Membership?*

(a) *Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.*

Li Hok Hiang, Lester Proebstel.

Robert Doraisamy

(b) *Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.*

Richard H. Silverthorn.

9.—*What Members are in Studies of Third Year?*

(a) *Admitted into Full Membership this year.* ✓

Robert A. Blasdjell, Li Hok Hiang, Richard H. Silverthorn, Lester Proebstel. ✓

(b) *Admitted into Full Membership previously.*

Preston L. Peach, Solomon Pakianathan. ✓

10.—*What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?*

Charles E. Davis. ✓

11.—*What Members have completed the Conference Course of Study?*

(a) *Elected and Ordained Elders this year.*

Vedolson Devasahayam, Thomas W. Bowmar.

(b) *Elected and Ordained Elders previously.*

Walter G. Parker, James A. Supramaniam.

12.—*What others have been elected and ordained Deacons?*

(a) *As Local Preachers.* (§ 176, § 1).

S. W. V. Arumugam, J. Nitchingham, Samuel A. Phillips, Lee Chye Yan, Loh Wun Hin, Shih Yu Shou, L. A. Samuel.

(b) *Under Missionary Rule.* (§ 176, § 4).

Edward S. Baird.

13.—*What others have been elected and ordained Elders?*

(a) *As Local Deacons.* (§ 179, § 1).

None.

(b) *Under Missionary Rule.* (§ 179, § 4).

None.

14.—*Was the character of each preacher examined?*

Yes, as each name was called in open Conference.

15.—*Who have been transferred, and to what Conferences?*

None.

16.—*Who have died?*

None.

17.—*Who have been located at their own request?*

Wallace H. Miner.



- 18.—*Who have been located?*  
None.
- 19.—*Who have withdrawn?*  
None.
- 20.—*Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints?*  
None.
- 21.—*Who have been expelled?*  
None.
- 22.—*What other personal notation should be made?*  
None.
- 23.—*Who are the Supernumerary Ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation?*  
B. F. Van Dyke (6).
- 24.—*Who are the Retired Ministers?*  
B. F. West.
- 25.—*Who are the Triers of Appeals?*  
C. E. Holman, W. G. Parker, Y. J. Jesudasen, R. A. Blasdell, and Lim Hong Ban. Reserves:—F. H. Sullivan, Lim Poh Chin.
- 26.—*What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension?*  
None.
- 27.—*What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions?*  
None.
- 28.—*What is the Statistical Report?*  
See the Statistician's Report.
- 29.—*What is the Conference Treasurer's Report?*  
See the Conference Treasurer's Report.
30. (a) *What is the aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?*  
\$778.00.
- (b) *What is the aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the Annual Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?*  
\$3,685.00.



- 31.—*What are the claims on the Conference Funds?*  
 For annuity distribution (Mrs. Toomey and children \$360; Mrs. Abraham and children \$374.40). \$734.40.
- 32.—*What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied?*
- |   |          |
|---|----------|
| From the Book Concern .. .. .   | \$339.00 |
| From the Chartered Fund   |          |
| From Board of Conference Claimants for 1917 and 1918, less one-fifth to Netherlands Indies Conference |          |
| From Pastoral Charges .. .. .   | 194.00   |
|   | \$533.00 |
- 33.—*What amount has been apportioned to the Pastoral Charges within the Conference, to be raised for the Support of Conference Claimants? ¶ 336.*  
 \$1,000.00.
- 34.—*What amount has been paid by the Conference Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants for Connectional Relief?*  
 None.
- 35.—*Where are the Preachers stationed?*  
 See List of Appointments.
- 36.—*Where shall the next Conference be held?*  
 Singapore, S. S.

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# Appointments.

## FEDERATED MALAY STATES DISTRICT.

W. E. HORLEY, District Superintendent, (P. O., Kuala Lumpur.)

Bruas, Chinese	.. .. .	Supplied by Chen Thin Khin.
Bentong	.. .. .	To be supplied.
Bagan Datoh	.. .. .	Supplied by A. Devadasan.
Damansara	.. .. .	To be supplied.
Gopeng, Anglo-Chinese School	.. .. .	To be supplied.
Iph, English Church	.. .. .	R. A. Blasdell.
Anglo-Chinese School	.. .. .	W. L. Matson, P. L. Peach, R. S. Blasdell,
Tamil Church	.. .. .	Ponniah Paul.
Hakka and Cantonese	.. .. .	Supplied by Tsen Chaw Kwie.
Hokkien	.. .. .	To be supplied.
Kajang, Hakka Chinese	.. .. .	Supplied by Loh Wun Hin.
Kampar, Chinese	.. .. .	Supplied by Wun Yung Fun.
Tamil	.. .. .	Ponniah Paul.
Anglo-Chinese School	.. .. .	To be supplied.
Missionary in Charge	.. .. .	To be supplied.
Klang, Missionary in Charge	.. .. .	To be supplied.
Anglo-Chinese School	.. .. .	Supplied by Lim Chin Kheng.
Chinese Circuit	.. .. .	TAI POH TING.
Tamil Circuit	.. .. .	Supplied by S. W. V. Arumugam.
Kuala Lipis	.. .. .	To be supplied.
Kuala Lumpur, English	.. .. .	W. G. Parker.
Tamil	.. .. .	J. A. Supramaniam.
Hokkien Chinese	.. .. .	To be supplied.
Hakka and Cantonese Chinese	.. .. .	Loh Wun Hin.
Methodist Boys' School	.. .. .	W. G. Parker, Principal; H. E. Bunn, supply.
Hinghua Circuit	}	.. .. .
Ampang		
Tanjong Malim		
Kuala Pilah	.. .. .	To be supplied.
Malacca, Hokkien Chinese	.. .. .	NG KHOAN JIU.
Anglo-Malay	.. .. .	Supplied by A. W. Tambayah.
Tamil Circuit	}	.. .. .
Bukit Asahan		
Tampin		
Durien Tinggal		
Anglo-Chinese School	.. .. .	Supplied by J. A. P. Oswald.
Port Swettenham, Hokkien Chinese	.. .. .	TAI POH TING.
Anglo-Chinese School	.. .. .	Supplied by Cheong Tsun Kong.
Pasir Panjang	}	.. .. .
Port Dickson		
Chinese	.. .. .	Supplied by U Hun Cheng.
Seremban, Tamil	.. .. .	Supplied by Gnaniah Paul.
Missionary in Charge & Anglo-Chinese School	.. .. .	T. W. Bowmar.
Hokkien Chinese Circuit	}	.. .. .
Siliau		
Hainam Chinese Circuit		
Sitiawan, Missionary in Charge	.. .. .	To be supplied.
Foochow Chinese	.. .. .	R. H. Silverthorn.
	.. .. .	Li Ko Ding.

<i>Kucheng Chinese</i> .. .. .	<i>Supplied by Li Kiak Seng.</i> ✓
<i>Ayer Tawar Chinese</i> .. .. .	<i>Supplied by Yip Yik Thang.</i> ✓
<i>Tamil</i> .. .. .	<i>Supplied by L. A. Samuel.</i> ✓
<i>A. C. School, Plantation and Orphanage</i> ..	R. H. Silverthorn.
<i>Sentul Tamil</i> .. .. .	<i>Supplied by Nitchingham.</i> ✓
<i>Sepang Chinese</i> .. .. .	<i>Supplied by Tan Han Kiat.</i>
<i>Sungei Binji Chinese</i> .. .. .	<i>To be supplied.</i>
<i>Sungei Siput Tamil</i> .. .. .	<i>To be supplied.</i>
<i>Laiping Tamil</i> .. .. .	EDWARD ISAAC.
<i>Hokkien Chinese</i> .. .. .	<i>Supplied by Ang Giok Swee.</i>
<i>Tampin, Hokkien Chinese</i> .. .. .	NG KHOAN JIU.
<i>Tanjong Rambutan, Hokkien Chinese</i> ..	<i>Supplied by Wong Cho.</i>
<i>Tapah, Anglo-Chinese School</i> .. .. .	<i>To be supplied.</i>
<i>Teluk Anson, Anglo-Chinese School</i> } ..	S. Pakianathan.
<i>Tamil Church</i> .. .. .	<i>Supplied by J. Kovilpillai and P. Moses.</i>
<i>Tamil Circuit</i> .. .. .	
<i>Tronoh and Pusing, Chinese</i> .. .. .	<i>Supplied by Kiung Kiang Sim.</i>
<i>Anglo-Chinese School</i> .. .. .	<i>To be supplied.</i>
<i>Chinese Evangelistic Work</i> .. .. .	LAU YIP HENG.

PENANG DISTRICT.

G. F. PYKETT, District Superintendent (P. O., Penang.)

<i>Ayer Itam</i> .. .. .	<i>To be supplied.</i>
<i>Province Wellesley Circuit</i> .. .. .	<i>Missionary to be supplied.</i>
<i>Bukit Mertajam, Anglo-Chinese School</i> ..	Y. J. JESUDASEN.
<i>Tamil</i> .. .. .	Y. J. JESUDASEN.
<i>Chinese</i> .. .. .	<i>To be supplied.</i>
<i>Butterworth and Prai</i> .. .. .	<i>To be supplied.</i>
<i>Krian Circuit</i> .. .. .	V. SAMUEL.
<i>Nibong Tebal, Anglo-Chinese School</i> ..	V. SAMUEL.
<i>Kulim, Tamil</i> .. .. .	Y. J. JESUDASEN.
<i>Chinese</i> .. .. .	<i>To be supplied.</i>
<i>Anglo-Chinese School</i> .. .. .	<i>Supplied by Chan Kim Seng.</i>
<i>Parit Buntar, Anglo-Chinese School</i> ..	<i>Supplied by V. G. Pragasam.</i>
<i>Tamil</i> .. .. .	<i>Supplied by V. G. Pragasam.</i>
<i>Penang, Fitzgerald Memorial Church</i> ..	Lester Proebstel.
<i>Hokkien Chinese</i> .. .. .	<i>Supplied by Khoo Cheng Hoe.</i>
<i>Tamil</i> .. .. .	V. Devasahayam.
<i>Tamil School</i> .. .. .	<i>To be supplied.</i>
<i>Anglo-Chinese School</i> .. .. .	G. F. PYKETT, Principal; Lester Proebstel, one to <i>be supplied.</i>
<i>Hill View Boarding School</i> .. .. .	<i>To be supplied.</i>
<i>Sungei Patani, Tamil</i> .. .. .	<i>Supplied by S. A. Phillips.</i>
<i>Chinese</i> .. .. .	<i>Supplied by Teh An Kok.</i>

SARAWAK (BORNEO) DISTRICT.

J. M. HOOVER, Superintendent (P. O., Sibn, Sarawak, Borneo.)

<i>Sibu</i> .. .. .	<i>Supplied by Uong Ging Huo, Lau Kaik Uong.</i>
<i>A Nang Chong</i> .. .. .	<i>Supplied by Liong Luang Dieu.</i>
<i>Bukit Lan</i> .. .. .	<i>Supplied by Iek Ngieng Nguong.</i>
<i>Bukit Lime</i> .. .. .	<i>Supplied by Diong Guong Sing.</i>



Engkilo .. .. .	Supplied by <i>Uong Gi Uong</i> .
Ila Po .. .. .	Supplied by <i>Yong Bo Ung</i> .
Hinghua Ba .. .. .	To be supplied.
Kreto .. .. .	Supplied by <i>Bong Ding Chua</i> .
Laban .. .. .	Supplied by <i>Iek Diu Liong</i> .
Mungu Ba .. .. .	To be supplied.
Pasar .. .. .	Supplied by <i>Kong Ding Chua</i> .
Sang O Chong .. .. .	Supplied by <i>Ling Cung Kuak</i> .
Serekei, Lobok .. .. .	Supplied by <i>Uong Tieng Bo</i> .
Serekei, Tung Bo .. .. .	Supplied by <i>Uong Ging Cung</i> .
Sing Chio Ang .. .. .	Supplied by <i>Nguoi Ging Sing</i> .
Siong Po .. .. .	Supplied by <i>Ding Uok Ling</i> .
Tanjong Kuniyit .. .. .	Supplied by <i>Uong Sie Liong</i> .
Sibu, Girls' School .. .. .	Mrs. <i>Uong Ging Huo</i> .

## SINGAPORE DISTRICT.

J. S. NAGLE, Superintendent (*P. O., Singapore, S. S.*)

Singapore, Wesley Church and Chaplaincy to the Troops .. .. .	C. E. Holman.
Assistant Chaplaincy to the Troops .. .. .	E. S. Baird.
Teluk Ayer, Hokkien Chinese .. .. .	LIM POH CHIN.
Geylang, Chinese .. .. .	LIM HONG BAN.
Foochow Chinese .. .. .	Li Hok Hiang.
Hinghua Chinese .. .. .	DENG PING DENG.
Hakka Chinese .. .. .	Kong Iau Siong.
Cantonese Chinese .. .. .	Lee Chye Yan.
Baba Malay Work .. .. .	Supplied by <i>Goh Hood Keng</i> .
Tamil .. .. .	R. Doraisamy; G. H. Little, supply.
School Evangelistic Work .. .. .	Miss E. Olson.
City Evangelistic Work .. .. .	F. H. SULLIVAN. ✓
Anglo-Chinese School .. .. .	J. S. NAGLE, Principal; H.
Serangoon-English School .. .. .	M. Hoisington, C. W. Crawford, J. E. Throne, Miss
Geylang-English School .. .. .	Chenoweth, S. Thervathason,
Paya Lebar-English School .. .. .	F. H. SULLIVAN, Lee Chye
Jean Hamilton Training School .. .. .	Yan, Lim Hong Ban.
Malay Girls' Schools .. .. .	F. H. SULLIVAN.
Oldham Hall .. .. .	

## SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.

Publishing House .. .. .	W. T. CHERRY, Publishing Agent; W. G. SHELLABEAR, Book Editor; R. R. Hornbeck, W. T. Cherry, Jr., E. S. Baird, Assistants.
Editor "Malaysia Message" .. .. .	J. S. NAGLE, Singapore.
Secretary Conference Board of Education .. .. .	J. S. NAGLE, Singapore.
Secretary College Project .. .. .	J. S. NAGLE, Singapore.
Mission Treasurer and Conference Auditor .. .. .	G. H. Little, Singapore.
Conference Sunday School Secretary .. .. .	T. W. Bowmar, Seremban.
To preach the Conference Sermon .. .. .	W. T. CHERRY.
Alternate .. .. .	C. E. Holman.
On leave .. .. .	T. R. Jones, B. J. BAUGHMAN, C. E. Davis, J. R. DENYES, W. G. SHELLABEAR, W. T. CHERRY, Dean Swift, R. F. Thomas, C. J. HALL.
Supernumerary .. .. .	B. F. Van Dyke, K. E. Pease.

Woman's Conference.

FEDERATED MALAY STATES DISTRICT.

Ipoh, <i>Anglo-Chinese School</i> .. .. .	Mrs. Matson, Miss Cass.
<i>Anglo-Chinese Girls' School</i> .. .. .	Miss Urech, Miss Kenyan.
<i>Chinese Work</i> .. .. .	Miss Urech, Mrs. Lau Yip Heng.
<i>English Work</i> .. .. .	Mrs. Peach.
<i>Tamil Work</i> .. .. .	Mrs. P. Paul.
Kuala Lumpur, <i>English Work</i> .. .. .	Mrs. Parker.
<i>Chinese Work</i> .. .. .	Mrs. Horley.
<i>Hakka and Cantonese Chinese Work</i> .. .. .	Mrs. Lo Wun Hin, Miss Marsh.
<i>Tamil Work</i> .. .. .	Mrs. Supramaniam.
<i>Girls' School</i> .. .. .	Miss Marsh, Miss Wescott, Miss Richardson, Miss Crandall.
<i>Boarding School</i> .. .. .	Miss Richardson.
<i>Boys' School</i> .. .. .	Miss Elliott.
Malacca, <i>Boarding School</i> .. .. .	Miss Pugh.
<i>Girls' Day School</i> .. .. .	Miss Atkins, Miss Akerstrom, Miss Pugh.
Sitiawan, <i>Chinese Work</i> .. .. .	Mrs. Silverthorn.
<i>Girls' School</i> .. .. .	To be supplied.
Taiping, <i>Grandon Home and Tamil Work</i> .. .. .	Miss L. Anderson.
<i>Girls' School and Chinese Work</i> .. .. .	Miss Dean.
Teluk Anson, <i>Tamil Work</i> .. .. .	Mrs. Pakianathan.

PENANG DISTRICT.

Bukit Mertajam .. .. .	Mrs. Jesudasen.
Nibong Tebal .. .. .	Mrs. V. Samuel.
Penang, <i>District and Cantonese Work</i> .. .. .	Mrs. Pykett.
<i>Chinese Work</i> .. .. .	Miss Bunce, Mrs. Khoo Cheng Hoe.
<i>Tamil Work</i> .. .. .	Mrs. Pykett.
<i>Anglo-Chinese Girls' School</i> .. .. .	Miss Bunce, Miss Craven, Miss Nagler.
<i>Winchell Home</i> .. .. .	Miss Craven.
<i>Alexandra Home</i> .. .. .	Mrs. Pykett.
<i>Anglo-Chinese Boys' School</i> .. .. .	Miss Shilling, Miss Pykett, Miss Carey, Miss Anderson, Miss Clemens.
Sungei Patani, <i>Tamil</i> .. .. .	Mrs. Phillips.
Sungei Patani, <i>Chinese</i> .. .. .	Mrs. Teh An Kok.

SINGAPORE DISTRICT.

Singapore, <i>English Work</i> .. .. .	Mrs. Holman.
<i>Mary C. Nind Home</i> .. .. .	Miss Blackmore.
<i>Short Street Girls' School</i> .. .. .	Miss Jackson, Miss D. Olson, Miss Neal.
<i>Fairfield Girls' School</i> .. .. .	Miss M. E. Olson, Miss Chapman, Miss Dickson.
<i>Fairfield Home</i> .. .. .	Miss Elizabeth Olson.
<i>Teluk Ayer Chinese Work</i> .. .. .	Miss Nelson, Mrs. Lim Poh Chin.

<i>Hinghua Chinese Work</i> .. .. .	Mrs. Throne, Mrs. Deng Ping Ding.
<i>Geylang Chinese Work</i> .. .. .	Miss Jackson, Mrs. Lim Hong Ban.
<i>Hakka Chinese Work</i> .. .. .	Miss M. E. Olson.
<i>Cantonese Chinese Work</i> .. .. .	Miss E. Olson, Miss D. Olson.
<i>Tamil Work</i> .. .. .	Mrs. Little.
<i>Baba Malay Work</i> .. .. .	Miss Blackmore, Miss Chapman, Mrs. Hornbeck.
<i>Anglo-Chinese School</i> .. .. .	Mrs. Nagle, Mrs. Zinn, Miss Emma Olson, Miss Polglase, Miss Chenoweth, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Throne, Mrs. Hoisington.
<i>Student Evangelistic Work</i> .. .. .	Mrs. Zinn.
<i>Oldham Hall</i> .. .. .	Mrs. Sullivan.
<i>Bible Woman's Training School</i> .. .. .	Miss Nelson.
<i>Leper Work</i> .. .. .	Miss Chenoweth, Mrs. Baird.

#### SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.

*On leave*:—Misses Wagy, Vail, Cliff, Norton, Rank, Martin, Brooks. Mrs. Shellabear, Mrs. Denyes, Mrs. Baughman, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Voke, Mrs. Cherry, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Hoover.

#### BIBLE WOMEN.

Singapore, <i>Geylang Chinese</i> .. .. .	M-Chi.
<i>Teluk Ayer Chinese</i> .. .. .	Moa-Chi.
<i>Hinghua Chinese</i> .. .. .	Siok Hin.
<i>Cantonese</i> .. .. .	Mrs. Hoh.
Penang, <i>Chinese</i> .. .. .	Khun Khiam, Pek Inn.
Malacca, <i>Chinese</i> .. .. .	Beng-Chi.
Taiping, <i>Chinese</i> .. .. .	Se-Chi.



## Daily Proceedings.

*Thursday, February 19th, 1920.*

The Malaysia Annual Conference convened for its twenty-eight session in the Wesley Church, Singapore, Thursday, February 19th, 1920. Bishop J. W. Robinson called the Conference to order at 8.30 a.m. The congregation sang the hymn, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," and Bishop Robinson led in prayer. Following this the Bishop read Galatians 6th chapter, and addressed the Conference on "Our Need of Light which comes from the Cross of Christ." The Bishop with the assistance of the district superintendents and the pastor of Wesley Church then administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

**Roll Call.** After a short recess the Secretary of the last session called the roll of the Conference, and the following persons answered to their names:

Bowmar, T. W.	Li Hok Hiang	Ponniah, Paul
Devasahayam, V.	Lim Hong Ban	Pykett, G. F.
Doraisamy, Robert	Lim Poh Chin	Proebstel, Lester
Hall, C. J.	Loh Wun Hin	Samuel, V.
Horley, W. E.	Ng Khoan Jiu	Silverthorn, R. H.
Hoover, J. M.	Nagle, J. S.	Sullivan, F. H.
Isaac, Edward	Pakianathan, S.	Supramaniam, J. A.
Jesudasen, Y. J.	Parker, W. G.	Tai Po Ting
Lau Yip Heng	Phillips, S. A.	

**Organization.** R. H. Silverthorn was elected Secretary and nominated C. J. Hall as his assistant.

T. W. Bowmar was elected Statistician and nominated Lester Proebstel as his assistant.

R. A. Blasdell was elected Treasurer and nominated M. E. Jones as his assistant.

**Interpreters.** Interpreters for the Chinese brethren were appointed and they took their usual seats together in the west half of the south wing.

**Time.** The time of meeting was fixed as stated in the printed programme and G. F. Pykett moved that the time of adjournment be 12.00 o'clock. It was so ordered.

**Bar.** The first two rows of seats in the centre and the west half of the left wing were fixed as the Conference bar.

**Introductions.** The following persons who were attending Conference for the first time were introduced. Misses Shilling, Carey, Elliot, Chenoweth. Mr. and Mrs. Holman, Mr. Baird, Mr. Bunn, Mr. Appadury, Mr. Thambiah, Lo Wei Kwang.

The following returned missionaries were introduced: Miss Jackson, Mr. Parker.

**Transfer (Question 2).** The names of R. A. Blasdell, from the New England Conference, C. E. Holman, from the North-west Iowa Conference, and Li Ko-Ding from the Hinghwa Conference were announced.

**Right of Floor.** R. H. Silverthorn moved and it was so ordered that our visiting brethren be given the privileges of the floor.

**Question 14.** The name of W. E. Horley from the F. M. S. District was called and his character passed. He read his report.

The name of Lau Yip Heng was called and his character passed. He gave his report.

**Introductions.** Mr. and Mrs. Oechsli who were returning from furlough on their way to the Netherlands Indies Mission Conference were introduced to the Conference. They brought greetings from the Netherlands Indies Mission Conference.

**Question 14 (Continued).** The name of C. J. Hall was called and his character passed and he gave his report.

The names of Tai Po Ting, Edward Isaac, and Ng Khoan Jiu were called, their characters passed and they gave their reports.

**District Report (Question 14).** The name of G. F. Pykett from the Penang District was called and his character passed. He read his District Report.

**Introductions.** Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Parker from India, on their way to America, were introduced.

**Question 14 (Continued).** The name of R. F. Thomas was called and he was reported as on leave.

The names of V. Samuel and Y. J. Jesudasen were called and their characters passed. They gave their reports.

The name of J. M. Hoover of the Sarawak District was called and his character passed. He read his report.

The name of J. S. Nagle of the Singapore District was called and his character passed. He read his report.

The names of Lim Poh Chin and Lim Hong Ban were called and their characters passed. They gave their reports.

The name of Deng Ping Deng was called and he was reported as being in China.

The name of F. H. Sullivan was called and his character passed.

**Special Appointments.** The names of W. T. Cherry, W. G. Shellabear, B. J. Baughman, and J. R. Denves were called and their characters passed, and were reported as on leave.

**Committees.** The revised list of Standing Committees is as recorded in the minutes of last year with the exception of the following changes:

*Board of Education.* The name of Mr. Bunn was substituted for T. W. Hinch and W. L. Matson and Thervathason were added.

*Board of Examiners.* The name of Kong Iau Siong was substituted for Deng Ping Deng, and C. E. Holman was added.

*Conference Stewards.* The name of C. J. Hall was substituted for Deng Ping Deng.

*Conference Relations.* The name of J. S. Nagle was struck off and C. J. Hall was made chairman.

*Foreign Missions.* The name of F. H. Sullivan was added.

*Sunday Schools.* The name of W. G. Parker was added.

**Special Committees.** (Evangelism). The names of Lau Yip Heng and J. A. Supramaniam were added.

**Adjournment.** The Conference adjourned to meet at 2.00 p.m. on Friday.

#### **Friday, February 20th, 1920.**

Bishop Robinson called the Conference to order at 2.00 p.m. and Dr. A. A. Parker was asked to conduct the devotions. Song number 19 was sung and St. John 14th chapter was read. The theme of the address was, "Jesus Christ the answer to all our problems." After the singing of hymn 490 Dr. Parker led in prayer.

**Journal.** The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

**Order of Day.** G. F. Pykett moved and it was so ordered that following the reading of the Secretary's report on to-morrow that the order of the day be the election of a delegate to the General Conference.

**Question 11.** Question 11 was called, and T. W. Bowmar and V. Devasahayam having completed the course of study, were advanced to the class of effective elders, and elected to elder's orders.

The name of W. G. Parker was called, and he gave his report, and having been elected and ordained elder previously was elected to the class of effective elders.

**Question 1.** Question one was asked and it was answered as previously stated in last year's minutes.

**Transfer (Question 2).** R. A. Blasdell from the New England Conference, C. E. Holman from the North-west Iowa Conference, and Li Ko Ding from the Hinghwa Conference.

**Readmitted (Question 3).** Who have been readmitted was asked, and it was answered, none.

**Credential (Question 4).** Question 4 was called, and answered: none.

**Admission on Trial (Question 5).** Question 5 was asked and E. S. Baird was admitted on trial and passed to the studies of the 2nd year.

The name of Lee Chye Yan was called and he was admitted on trial and placed in the studies of the 1st year.

**Continuance on Trial (Question 6).** The names of R. D. Swift and Paul Ponniah were called and they were continued in the studies of the 1st year.

The name of Robert Dooraisamy was called and he was advanced to the studies of the second year.

The name of Li Hok Hiang was called and he was advanced to the studies of the third year.

**Discontinued (Question 7).** The name of Robert S. Fraser was called and the Secretary reported that no reply had been received to his letter concerning his conference relation, and on recommendation of the committee on conference relations he was discontinued.

The names of Loh Wun Hin and S. A. Phillips were called and by motion of their District Superintendents and upon their own request were discontinued.

**Question 6b (Resumed).** The name of T. R. Jones was called, his character passed, and the Secretary instructed to write him to ascertain his wishes regarding his conference relations.

**Full Membership (Question 8a).** Elected and ordained Deacons this year. The names of Li Hok Hiang and Lester Proebstel were called, their characters passed and on recommendation of the committee on conference relations they were elected to full membership and recommended to deacon's orders.

**(Question 8b).** Who have been elected and ordained deacons previously: the name of R. H. Silverthorn was called, and his character passed.

**Third Year Class.** Question 9 was called and the names of Li Hok Hiang, Lester Proebstel, and R. H. Silverthorn were called and having been admitted to full membership this year were advanced to the studies of the third year.

**(Question 9b).** The name of P. L. Peach and Solomon Pakianathan were called, their characters passed, and they were continued in studies of the third year.

**Fourth Year Class (Question 10).** The name of C. E. Davis was called, his character passed, and as he was reported still to be on leave in America, the Secretary was instructed to write him concerning his conference relations.

**Effective Class (Question 11).** Question 11 was called and V. Devasahayam and T. W. Bowmar having completed the studies for travelling preachers were advanced to the class of Effective Elders and elected to Elder's orders.

**(Question 11b).** Elected and ordained Elders previously. The name of W. G. Parker was called and the committee reported that he had completed the conference course of study.



**Deacon's Orders (Question 12a).** On proper recommendation of the committee Sheh Yu Shou, L. A. Samuel, S. W. V. Arumugam, J. Nitchingham, S. A. Phillips, Lee Chye Yan were elected to Deacon Orders.

**Missionary Rule (Question 12b).** The name of E. S. Baird was called, and on proper recommendation of the committee he was elected to Deacon's orders and advanced to the studies of the second year.

**Elder's Orders.** Question 13 was asked and answered: none.

**Transferred.** Question 15 was asked and answered: none.

**Question 16.** Who have died, was asked, and answered: none.

**Location (Question 17).** Who have been located at their own request was asked, and answered: none.

**Question 18.** Who have been located was asked, and answered: none.

**Full Membership.** Bishop Robinson called the names of Li Hok Hiang, Lester Proebstel, and R. H. Silverthorn, who had been elected to full membership, and asked them the required disciplinary questions.

**Jean Hamilton School.** F. H. Sullivan read his report. A discussion followed as to the great need for new quarters and a man who would give his entire time to the work of the Training School.

J. M. Hoover moved, and it was seconded that the first department of the new college should be a School of Theology, and that we proceed to find a man to take charge of same. It was so ordered.

A committee consisting of the Board of Control for the Jean Hamilton Training School and Lee Chye Yan was instructed to draw up resolutions and present them to the Conference.

**Y. M. C. A.** The Bishop read a letter from Mr. L. Gordon Cranna, General Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, Singapore, who sent a message of greetings and extended a cordial invitation to the members of the Conference to make use of the Association rooms. The Secretary was instructed to send an acknowledgment.

The announcements were made, and A. A. Parker pronounced the Benediction, and the Conference adjourned.

### **Saturday, February 21st, 1920.**

A. A. Parker conducted the morning devotions, after the Conference was called to order by Bishop Robinson at 8.30 a.m. Hymn 495 was sung, and J. M. Hoover led in prayer. After the Scripture reading A. A. Parker addressed the Conference on the subject of "Prayer and the Holy Spirit."

**Order of the Day.** G. F. Pykett requested that the order of the day be laid aside in order to take up Question 8*b* again. It was so ordered.

**Full Membership.** Question 8b was resumed and the name of R. A. Blasdell called. Upon proper recommendations it was ordered that he be elected to full membership and be passed to the studies of the third year.

Bishop Robinson asked him the usual Disciplinary questions.

The Order of the Day was called for and the question of our Ministerial delegate to the General Conference was taken up.

**Ministerial Delegate to General Conference.** The ballot of the conference was taken and resulted in the election of W. T. Cherry with 19 out of the 20 votes cast.

**Reserve Delegate.** The Secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the Conference for J. M. Hoover.

**Question 14.** "Was the character of each preacher examined?" was called and the names of Li Ko Ding and C. E. Holman were called, their characters passed and reports given.

The name of Wallace H. Minor was called and his character passed pending the outcome of correspondence with him by the Corresponding Secretary.

**Withdrawn.** Question 19 was called and answered: none.

**Charges or Complaints.** Question 20 was called and answered: none.

**Expelled.** Question 21 was called and answered: none.

**Personal Notation.** Question 22 was called and answered: none.

**Supernumerary Ministers.** Question 23 was called and the name of Kong Iau Siong was called. It was moved and so ordered that he be dropped from his supernumerary relationship and passed to the class of Effective Elders.

The names of B. F. Van Dyke and K. E. Pease were called, and it was moved and so ordered that they be continued on the Supernumerary list, but that the Corresponding Secretary correspond with them as to their wishes in this matter.

**Retired Ministers.** Question 24 was called and the name of B. F. West was ordered to be continued as a retired minister.

**Triers of Appeals.** Question 25 was called and it was moved and so ordered that this committee remain the same with the exception that the name of C. E. Holman be substituted for J. M. Hoover; R. A. Blasdell be substituted for C. J. Hall; and that the name of Lim Poh Chin be substituted for J. S. Nagle as a reserve.

**Home Missions and Church Extension.** Question 26 was called and answered: none.

**Foreign Missions.** Question 27 was called and answered: none.

**Question 36.** "Where shall the next Conference be held?" was called and Singapore was designated as the place for the meeting of the next annual Conference.

**Local Deacons.** Question 12 was called again, and it was moved and so ordered that we reconsider the name of Loh Wun Hin and give him Local Deacon's orders.

**Constitutional Amendments.** A proposed Constitutional Amendment was read concerning the prerogatives of The Board of Bishops to Appeal from the decision of General Conference. It was passed un-animously.

A second proposed Constitutional Amendment was read with regard to admitting lay delegates to the Annual Conference sessions. It was lost with but one in favour and sixteen against.

It was moved and so ordered that in case the last proposed Constitutional Amendment passed that legislation be made such that lay delegates do not exceed the ministerial delegates. It was also ordered that this be sent as a memorial to General Conference.

**Regional Conferences.** It was moved and so ordered that the Malaysia Annual Conference coincides with the Netherlands Indies Mission Conference in sending a memorial to the General Conference regarding Regional Conferences including Netherlands Indies Mission Conference, Philippine Islands Conference and the Malaysia Conference.

**Central Conference.** F. H. Sullivan gave a report on his visit to the Central Conference held in Lucknow.

**Delegates to General Conference.** It was moved and so ordered that the delegates of the Malaysia Annual Conference be instructed to propose to the General Conference that two General Superintendents be selected for the South eastern Asia division, one to reside at Manila and one at Singapore.

It was again moved and ordered that the Annual Conference instruct its delegates to the General Conference that as it is our unanimous hope to have Bishop W. F. Oldham assigned to Singapore for the next quadriennium that they use all legitimate means to bring our desires before the said General Conference.

**Greetings.** A letter was read from Mrs. B. J. Baughman relating to the health and desire of her husband, and the Secretary was instructed to send greetings from the Conference.

After the announcements the session adjourned.

### ***Sunday, February 22nd, 1920.***

The Conference Sermon was preached in Wesley Church at 9.00 a.m. by W. E. Horley.

Bishop Robinson preached at the evening service, following the ordination service which was held at 4.30 o'clock.

Those who were ordained Local Deacons were as follows: Shih Yu Shou, L. A. Samuel, S. W. V. Arumugam, J. Nitchingham, S. A. Phillips, Lee Chye Yan, Loh Wun Hin,

Those ordained Deacons were as follows: L. A. Proebstel, Li Hok Hiang, and E. Simpson Baird.

Those ordained Elders were Thomas W. Bowmar and Vedakan Devasahayam.

The Conference Love Feast was conducted at the Anglo-Chinese Hall by J. M. Hoover at 8.00 p.m.

**Monday, February 23rd, 1920.**

Bishop Robinson called the Conference to order and hymn 42 was sung. Y. J. Jesudason and F. H. Sullivan led in prayer. Following the singing of hymn 208 Bishop Robinson read from the 20th Chapter of St. John, beginning with the 19th verse, and addressed the Conference saying in part that Christ was necessary to peace in our hearts, and this peace in our own hearts was necessary before we could preach the "Gospel of Peace." Also, that power could only come by tarrying.

**Journal.** The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

**Conference Minutes.** It was moved and so ordered that the Agent of the Methodist Publishing House together with the Secretary of the Conference and C. E. Holman constitute the Committee on Conference Minutes, and that they do all in their power to get the minutes of the quadreium printed up in time to be sent to the General Conference.

**Conference Treasurer.** Question 29 was called and R. A. Blasdell read the report of the Conference Treasurer. It was adopted as read.

**Benevolent Collections.** Question 30a regarding Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference was read and \$778 were reported.

*Question 30b* regarding the Benevolent Collections Ordered by the Annual Conference was read and \$3,685 were reported.

**Conference Claimants.** Question 31 was read, and the Board of Conference Stewards recommended that the Conference pay Mrs. Toomey and Mrs. Abraham the same as last year, with the provision that they be paid in such a way that they lose nothing in the matter of exchange. It was adopted. The total paid was to be \$734.40.

Question 32 regarding receipts towards this fund was called and \$194 were reported from pastoral charges and \$339 from the Book Concern.

Question 33 regarding the apportionments to the Pastoral Charges was read and it was moved and so ordered that \$1000 be our goal, and that the Finance Committee allot to each District its share to collect. The District Superintendent to see to it that each pastoral charge take up a collection for this fund.



Question 31 was called regarding the amount paid by the Conference Treasurer for Connectional Relief, and it was reported: none.

**Publishing House.** R. R. Hornbeck read the report of the Publishing House and it was accepted as read.

**Introduction.** L. Gordon Cranna, General Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, Singapore, was introduced to the Conference following which he made a few remarks.

**Course of Study.** Question 11b was called again and it was moved and so ordered that J. A. Supramaniam be passed to the class of Effective Elders since he has passed the conference course of study.

**Foreign Missions Report.** The report of this Committee was read by W. G. Parker and it was adopted. The subject of the Centenary was warmly discussed by J. S. Nagle, W. G. Parker and Bishop Robinson.

**Department of Evangelism.** It was moved and adopted that during the Centenary period the Department of Evangelism be incorporated in the Centenary Committee.

**Centenary Committee.** It was moved and adopted that a committee of four be appointed to make nominations for the Centenary Committee. The following were appointed on this committee: W. G. Parker, F. H. Sullivan, J. S. Nagle, and C. E. Holman.

The Nominating Committee reported as follows: Executive Secretary, W. G. Parker; Department of Intercession, P. L. Peach; Department of Stewardship, C. E. Holman; Department of Life Service, F. H. Sullivan; Department of Minute Men, J. A. Supramaniam; Department of Evangelism, W. E. Horley, Department of Finance, J. S. Nagle and Department of Publicity, W. C. Crawford.

**Statistical Report.** T. W. Bowmar read his report and it was adopted with an expression of appreciation for both he and his assistant.

**District Conference Minutes.** The Chairman of this committee read the following resolutions from the F. M. S. District.

That a Chinese Christian Advocate be started under the auspices of the Annual Conference. It was moved and so ordered that this be reported favourably to the Publishing Committee.

That the course of studies for Local Preachers (Tamil and Chinese) be printed in the Minutes of the Annual Conference in the respective vernaculars. It was recommended and so ordered that the Chairman of the Board of Examiners get the course of study in all the vernaculars and send to all the District Superintendents.

That a Missionary or a Straits-born Chinese minister be appointed for the work in Malacca. It was moved and so ordered that this be referred to the Cabinet and to the Finance Committee.

That a lady worker be sent to Sitiawan this year to open a Girls' School, and that she get four English speaking Christian Foochow girls

to assist her in her work, and further that the school be run along independent lines and not according to Government regulations. This was ordered to be referred to the Cabinet and Finance Committee.

**Centenary Literature.** It was moved and so ordered that, in order to cover the loss on the publication of the "Malaysia Message" which will have to be enlarged to include the Centenary Bulletin, in order to cover the cost of printing of tracts and other necessary literature, stationery, etc., and in order to cover all other expenses incurred by the Centenary Commission on behalf of the Centenary Movement, a recommendation be made to Finance Committee that \$5,000 from the profits of the Publishing House be paid forthwith to the head of the Department of Finance of the Centenary Commission.

**Sunday Schools.** T. W. Bowmar's report was read and accepted. It was moved and so ordered that the Sunday School Committee be instructed to request the Finance Committee to allow the Sunday School Committee to distribute the appropriations for the Sunday School.

It was moved and so ordered that the Board of Sunday Schools be requested to increase the Sunday School appropriation to \$500 Gold per year.

It was moved and so ordered that the Sunday School Secretary for 1920 be authorized to continue negotiations with the Board of Sunday School with a view to having Mr. Ryan, the Sunday School Secretary for the Philippines, divide his time between the Philippines and Malaysia.

**Introductions.** The Rev. A. J. Amery was presented to the Conference, after which he made a few remarks.

**Epworth League Report.** The report of Miss Dean of the Epworth League was read and accepted. The nominations for the officers of the Epworth League for the ensuing year were read and the following persons were elected. President, P. L. Peach; First Vice-President, Ho Seng On; Second Vice-President, D. Sundram; Third Vice-President, Wong Ah Wah; Fourth Vice-President, V. L. Joshua; Secretary, Thomas Abraham; Treasurer, Chuah Kim Huat, and Junior League Superintendent, Miss E. Elliott.

**Jean Hamilton Training School.** It was moved and so ordered that the Training School Committee request the presiding Bishop to try and secure as soon as possible after his arrival in America a proper man to give his whole time to the Training School.

It was also moved and so ordered that this committee, in consultation with the Finance Committee provide as soon as possible, either by purchase or construction, suitable buildings for at least a dozen students.

**State of the Church.** R. A. Bladdell read the report of this committee and it was adopted.

**Introductions.** After it was pointed out that our Mission Treasurer had never been officially introduced to the Conference, G. H. Little was introduced to the Conference by Bishop Robinson.

**Adjournment.** After the announcements, it was moved and seconded that we meet in session at 8.00 o'clock this evening in Wesley Church. It was so ordered.

*Monday, February 23rd, 1920.*

The Conference was called to order by Bishop Robinson at 8.00 p.m. and song 355 was sung. Lester Proebstel led in prayer.

**Journal.** After the reading of the minutes of the previous session the report of the committee on Public Morals was read and adopted.

**Evangelism.** W. G. Parker read the report on Evangelism and it was accepted.

**Locations.** Question 18 was again called and the Secretary read a letter addressed to the Presiding Bishop from Wallace H. Minor requesting that he be located. It was moved and so ordered that his request be granted.

**Standing Committees.** G. F. Pykett read the nominations for the Standing Committees and they were approved as read.

It was moved and so ordered that the Secretary cast the unanimous vote of the Conference for the members of the Finance Committee which were nominated.

**Mission Treasurer.** G. H. Little was nominated and elected Conference Treasurer.

**Corresponding Secretary.** J. S. Nagle was elected Corresponding Secretary of the Annual Conference.

**Conference Minutes.** It was moved and so ordered that the printed minutes of this year and those of the quadrennium be the official minutes of the Conference.

**Resolutions.** J. M. Hoover read the resolutions and they were adopted.

**Greetings.** Bishop J. W. Robinson brought greetings from Bishop J. E. Robinson, and the Conference moved and it was so ordered that Bishop J. W. Robinson convey to Bishop J. E. Robinson the greetings from this Conference.

**Resolutions.** The Secretary of the Conference was instructed to convey to H. E. the Governor the message contained in the resolutions from this Conference.

**Conference Minutes.** It was moved and so ordered that the minutes of the Conference be printed in Chinese.

**Adjournment.** It was moved and so ordered that we adjourn after the devotions to be led by Dr. Parker and the reading of the Conference appointments. The minutes of this session were read and approved.



*Attest.* This certifies that the record of the proceedings and all the reports and resolutions herein printed, except the reports of the Superintendents were duly approved and adopted by the Twenty-eight Session of the Malaysia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held in Singapore, Straits Settlements, February 19th to 23rd, 1920.

R. H. SILVERTHORN,  
Secretary.

J. W. ROBINSON,  
Presiding Bishop.

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### Certificate of Ordinations.

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This is to certify that at Wesley Church, Singapore, February 22nd, 1920, on the election of the Malaysia Conference, I ordained to the office of **Deacon** Lester A. Proebstel, Li Hok Hiang, E. Simpson Baird, Shih Yu shou, L. A. Samuel, S. W. V. Arumugam, J. Hitchingham, S. A. Phillips, Lee Chye Yan and Loh Wun Hin. On the same date and at the same place, and under the election of the same conference, with the assistance of elders, I ordained to the office of **Elder**. Thomas W. Bowmar and Vedekan Devasahayam.

J. W. ROBINSON,  
Singapore, February 23rd, 1920. Presiding Bishop.

## Reports of District Superintendents.

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### Federated Malay States District.

It was not till the beginning of June of last year that I was wholly set free to undertake the heavy work of this district. Until April I was Principal of the Anglo-Chinese School, Ipoh; when T. W. Hinch returned from military service and then I became Principal of the Kuala Lumpur school for another 6 weeks until Brother Parker arrived from furlough. The F. M. S. District now includes the Ipoh, Kuala Lumpur and Tamil Districts. There are 38 congregations and 18 schools, situated from Malacca to Taiping. This means travelling over 400 miles to make the circuit of all the stations. Eight languages are spoken in our churches.

*Revival and New Work.* The year has been one of blessed results. Revival services were held at different centres, in the churches and schools and God blessed the preaching of the Word.

He has also opened several new doors of service here and there during the year, notably at Tanjong Malim where we have a new congregation of 60 persons who before any of them had been baptised had hired a preaching hall and had fitted it up with furniture. 21 have now been baptised and there are now 40 preparatory members. They have raised \$1,782 for all purposes. At Pasir Panjong at the mouth of the Linggi River nearly 100 new people have enrolled themselves as desirous of joining the church and one man has promised \$1,000 towards the new church building in Seremban. They ask for a preacher. In Malacca we had a crowded services during a week's mission in connection with the "Win My Chum" week and the Chinese Babas came in large numbers to hear. There were quite a number of decisions for Christ. These Mission services have revealed great possibilities in Malacca.

At Pusing a Chinese Girls' School has been opened and also a new Mission Hall. Several have confessed Christ by baptism.

At Bruas nearly 20 people are anxiously desiring us to enter and commence work in that district. At Ayer Tawar 8 miles from Sitiawan nearly 100 people have been coming to the new Mission Hall and at one service they subscribed \$700 towards a new church in addition to over \$2,500 already promised for that purpose. A new church is now being erected, under Bro. Silverthorn's supervision.

In several of our Day Schools God has been specially blessing and many young lives have been dedicated to Christ.

A deputation came to see me from Bentong last week. They are anxious for a preacher to be sent to them. At Silidu in Negri Sembilan,

they too are anxious for a preacher. At Sepang \$50 a month has been promised for a preacher and a plot of land for a church.

In Seremban 2 Towkays were lately baptised—one a J. P. He has promised \$5,000 for a new church and has given \$1,000 for the new Mission bungalow now being erected.

In Kajang an acre of land has been acquired and they also ask for a preacher. They have promised \$3,000 towards a new church building.

At Bukit Asahan, at the foot of Mount Ophir, there are about 250 Tamil Christians and the estate manager has built three mission rooms for them in three centres. Over 30 converts were baptised at one service which I attended.

In Kuala Lumpur many young people decided for Christ in the Boys' and Girls' Schools and preparatory membership classes have been formed.

*Malacca.* The work here has gone ahead in both congregations under the two pastors, Rev. Ng Khean Jiew and Mr. Thambyah. A new Tamil circuit has been formed under Mr. David, an able local preacher, and he now preaches in Malacca, Bukit Asahan and Tampin. Mr. Tambyah is ably assisting him. The Anglo-Chinese School, under Mr. J. A. P. Oswald, has a new lease of life and now numbers over 100 scholars. The church building is now being used for classes. We badly need a new building. An active Epworth League has been formed which bids fair to win the banner contest. We have gladly welcomed the return of Miss Pugh who has greatly relieved the general situation in Malacca but there is still a lamentable dearth of teachers in the Girls' School. Miss Atkins practically teaches *all* the classes except the Primary. Several towkays, being much perturbed at the probable removal of this school, have guaranteed for three years the salaries of two lady teachers from America, with Bishop J. E. Robinson's consent.

They have also formed a committee to acquire a fine site by the seaside and to raise funds to build a new school if we will consent to remain there.

My proposition would be that we remain in Malacca and that one W. F. M. S. lady, with the 2 new American school workers will be a sufficient staff there. Also that the parent Board take over the present W. F. M. S. buildings in Malacca at a valuation, and that that money, be spent in Sitiawan in erecting a new Girls' School and also that one W. F. M. S. lady be sent to Sitiawan *at once* to commence women's work in the old church building and live with Brother and Sister Silverthorn for the time being.

I would suggest also that the school be run on entirely new lines namely that English and Chinese be both taught, that several young Chinese lady graduates be got from our Foochow and Hingwa Girls' schools to help teach in the Sitiawan school, also that it be not placed under Government at all but that the W. F. M. S. be left free to work out their own salvation. Nursing and cooking could also be taught and a lady doctor



should be acquired and that later on a Women's and Children's hospital could be erected. May I say that unless the W. F. M. S. speedily go in and possess this good land that the Romanists will soon be there. Our people in Sitiawan are thoroughly disheartened that we have done so little for them. Were it not for the Mission plantation we should not even now have had a missionary in Sitiawan at all. This Conference must not close without a lady worker being sent to Sitiawan.

*"Retain Malacca and retain it vigorously and open Sitiawan and do it now"* is my message to the W. F. M. S. after mature and prayerful consideration. Nothing but a bold vigorous live-wire policy will save these two places.

*Seremban.* No town in the F. M. S. has made such progress from the building standpoint as this has done. It is now a large flourishing business center and streets of fine buildings have been erected very recently. We have one of the finest sites in the town, thanks to the retiring British Resident, Mr. J. R. Aldworth. The work here is distinctly encouraging and as I have stated several wealthy men have been baptised in the Chinese Church. This congregation meets in the school hall and both Mr. Bowmar and Mr. Ti Ann Jian have done good work in seeking to win souls. About \$13,000 have been promised to erect a new church and plans have been drawn and tenders called for, to erect a handsome brick edifice to cost \$17,000.

A new Mission house is now being erected and we hope it will be completed in June next. We are hoping to receive several thousand dollars towards this from friends. \$1,500 has already been given or promised. No workers should ever have to put up with what our Seremban workers have been called upon to suffer during the last 3 years for lack of suitable quarters. The school building is a very unsatisfactory structure and it has cost \$1,000 this year to make the roof water-tight. It was evidently intended for a Baptist structure. Mr. Ti An Jian has also been in charge of the congregation at Pasir Panjong, Siliaw and Port Dickson, so he has been more than busy.

The Tamil Church has been resurrected under Mr. Gnaniah Paul, a master in the Anglo-Chinese School, and bids fair to regain what was lost several years ago. We need an extra worker in Seremban to take hold of the evangelistic work. The school now numbers over 100 boys and Mr. Bowmar is very much liked by both pupils and parents. An Epworth League has been started and is doing well.

*Kuala Lumpur.* Mr. Peach returned to America in April and Mr. Parker arrived in May. We have also welcomed two new workers the Misses Richardson and Elliott, and Miss Anderson for a further period of service. Both the Boys' and Girls' Schools are full to overflowing and we have applied for an extension to the Boys' School site on which to erect a fine new building also for a new site for the Girls' School. Also we have asked for a further new site for the new Tamil Church and parsonage and the Conference Tamil Girls' Boarding School. The

Golf Course ground is being returned to Government and so we hope to get a few slices of it for these purposes.

The Boys' School must arise and build an upper-school building with a large examination and lecture hall, gymnasium, offices, teachers' rooms, and classrooms for the upper classes.

The Girls' School needs at least a new site for its boarding department, even if they retain the present day school site, and the Tamil Church, although a Methodist building, is being repeatedly immersed by the river and must become a "dry" church entirely.

The Chinese Church has made fair progress under Mr. Low Wun Hin and he has also ministered at Kajang and Ampang as well as doing the Chinese Young Men's Society work. We need here also good Cantonese and Hokkien preachers.

A new Hinghwa circuit, under Rev. Ng Fat Mui, has been formed having work in Kuala Lumpur, Tanjong Malim and Ampang with 139 members and probationers and they have raised \$2,663 during the year for various purposes.

The Tamil Church has had a prosperous year under the Rev. James Supramaniam. This church has had its own internal difficulties, these being largely the growths of other years, but I believe a greater spirit of love and brotherhood has been born in 1920. This church is capable of great things for God. It has raised \$3,300 for all purposes. Bro. Supramaniam has been a faithful pastor. He has held services in the outstations and also here and there magic lantern open air services. A brass tablet was unveiled by Rev. W. T. Cherry to the Memory of the late Rev. S. Abraham in the Tamil Church. A piece of land, at my urgent request, has been bought at Sentul for \$1,650, by Dr. McIntyre, who holds it in trust for our Mission. This land is situated close beside the huge F. M. S. Rly workshops and therefore its potentialities are very great.

The Union Epworth League in Kuala Lumpur is a "live wire" and under Miss Richardson has done good work. It has raised \$ for the Preachers' Training School.

The English Church under Bro. Parker is able to report better congregation in the Federal Capital. Since his return he has been working early and late in school and church for his Master and I gratefully acknowledge his loyal support and brotherly co-operation. His Sunday School Training Classes have been very helpful. The new mission house is rapidly approaching completion and Bro. Parker hopes to be in the occupation of "Paradise Lodge" before many weeks time. It has been built facing the school padang on our own vacant land.

*Women's Work, Kuala Lumpur.* The Methodist Girls' School, Kuala Lumpur, has had another prosperous year, under Miss Marsh, whose great difficulty has not been to get scholars but to get teachers. Miss Anderson's music work has been greatly appreciated and her presence in the Tamil Church is valued. Miss Richardson has made an

ideal matron of the Boarding School and she has also done good Christian work. I have greatly appreciated the fellowship of the W. F. M. S. workers in Kuala Lumpur. Both Mrs. Horley and Mrs. Parker have engaged in Christian work in the local churches. Miss Elliott has been the right woman in the right place in the Methodist Boys' School.

*Klang.* This is a bright prosperous station, with an out-station 5 miles away at Port Swettenham, and another at Sungei Binji Colony. We have here a school of 235 boys under a fine Christian young man, Mr. Lim Chin Kheng, who has held daily services and Bible classes. Bro. Pykett secured a new site of 6 acres last year from Government and today we are erecting a fine commodious school building which will cost over \$40,000. This work was begun at the end of November last. We shall also need a missionary residence, as well as Asiatic school quarters. Towards the cost the Government have granted \$10,000 and the public are now being asked to assist and over \$20,000 have already been promised by the Chinese with more to follow.

The Tamil circuit under Bro. Ed. Isaac has made fair progress during the year and Mr. Arumugam has greatly assisted the work. A more constructive policy however needs adopting.

The Chinese circuit under Bro. Dai Boh Ding has had a prosperous year. A new church will have to be built at Klang as it is now overcrowded. The present one can be used for the Sunday School.

The School at Port Swettenham has had some discouragement through the withdrawal of the Chinese Committee and the opening of a new vernacular school by them in the town. Mr. Cheong Tsun Kong has done good work and has preached Christ in the School.

The Chinese Church is increasing in numbers.

*Teluk Anson.* Bro. Solomon Pakianathan has made good at this station as pastor and principal. The school now has 200 boys and did well in the last annual inspection, when all Standard VII passed. Two new Tamil Circuits have been formed with 240 Christians. Mr. Moses has done excellent work as a Catechist and Mr. Koilpillai has ably assisted him on the large rubber estates. At Bagan Dotah we have a vernacular school. An Epworth League has been formed and has 55 in the Senior League and 22 in the Junior. Also the Sunday School now numbers 67 scholars being a good increase. A Ladies Aid Society of all classes and creeds has been formed by Mrs. Sabapathy. Mrs. Pakianathan is teaching in the Primary School and is also using her talents in Christian work.

*Kampar.* Mr. and Mrs. Hall went to this station after the Conference and occupied the fine large missionary residence which we had purchased. The new school building was opened at the end of April by the Hon. the British Resident, and the town was "en fete" for the occasion. The Hon. Eu Tong Sen threw open his beautiful house and grounds and dispensed hospitality to all comers. Special trains were



run for the occasion and a procession of school children marched through the town headed by the State Band, after which athletic sports were held. The old church has been re-erected on the new site with a new Gothic frontage and the three school teachers' quarters have been also re-erected. We have expended nearly \$40,000 on land building and equipment. The school now numbers over 200 pupils. Bro. Hall has done excellent work as missionary in charge and as Principal of the Kampar, Gopeng and Tapah Schools.

The Chinese services have never been so well attended but they ask for a fully qualified ordained Chinese minister. They have increased their subscription by over 100%, and are re-furnishing the church. I consider we have at this station an ideal place for missionary service and I am very sorry that Mr. and Mrs. Hall's contract term of service has expired and they are returning Home. Bro. Hall writes:—"Send a married missionary to take charge of Kampar after we have gone. It is an ideal place to work in." I wish Mr. and Mrs. Hall would themselves remain for another two years of service.

*Ipoh.* This important centre was occupied by the District superintendent until the end of April when Bro. Blasdel took charge of the English Church and oversight of the evangelistic work. Mr. T. W. Hinch also returned from the front and became principal of the school. Mr. Jones from Teluk Anson was also appointed to the school. This arrangement went on until November last when Mr. Hinch resigned owing to financial considerations and joined a local firm. Mr. W. L. Matson then took charge of the school, Mr. Nagle having very kindly released him from Singapore. Bro. Matson has settled down splendidly and he is the right man in the right place. Both he and his wife notified me in January that they were very happy in the work and they would stay on after Conference for another year. But, alas, they have received a cable from Home asking them to return. Thus gain the Ipoh School is left without a head. The school has maintained both its numbers and usefulness and its Cambridge Classes were the largest in its history. We were sorry to part with Mr. Hinch and he was sorry to leave but pressing family liabilities in England demanded his seeking a higher salaried position than we could offer. We have lost an effective educational worker.

*English Church.* This congregation has suffered greatly this year from removals Home and from other causes but Mr. Blasdel has bravely held the fort under adverse conditions and his work is much appreciated by the congregation.

*Chinese Church.* The church has somewhat decreased in membership owing to the removal of a whole community of Hakkas to another part of the country. They have therefore a decrease to report after many years of increase. Bro. Law Yip Heng has done excellent service and he is one of our ablest Chinese ministers. He has dispensed the Communion monthly at Kampar, Tronoh and Tanjong Rambutan and

he has greatly assisted me. His work in the Chinese Young Men's Societies is of great value and at the last Conference of the C. Y. M. S. one of the rules laid down was that in every society a weekly service and Bible Class must be held. The value of these societies to the church is enhanced if the Chinese pastors really use their fine opportunity for Christian service in these societies. Some day there will be I hope a Chinese Y. M. C. A. secretary devoting his whole time to this important work amongst Chinese young men. A donation has been sent to this Conference from these societies.

*Tamil Church.* This church also reports a decrease owing to the very large numbers of Tamil cooly Christians who have returned to India because of the high exchange. Mr. Paul Ponniah has done faithful service and is respected by the church and community.

This church has raised nearly \$1100 for all purposes and is almost self-supporting. More use should be made of the Tamil Settlement Church building for week-night services and other meetings. Mrs. John Lee, since Mrs. Horley left, has conducted a Women's Bible Class. A Sunday School has been organised under Mr. J. Appaduray, the church's faithful organist and a local preacher Mr. J. Lambert after 27 years faithful service in this church is still working for His Lord and Master.

*The Ipoh Girls' School,* owing to the non-arrival of Miss Jackson, has had a hard year. Miss Akerstrom has, in addition to her other duties, superintended this institution which now numbers nearly 100 pupils. We welcome Miss Jackson's return and we trust that this school will become the strong institution it ought to be. The thanks of the W. F. M. S. workers are tendered to Miss Akerstrom for her work there this past year.

*Taipeng.* The new Burmese regiment stationed here has quite a large number of Christian men in it and I have offered to the Lieut. Col. the use of our church building which has been accepted.

I think the work at this station would be better maintained if we had a married board missionary whose wife could look after the boarding school and one W. F. M. S. lady-worker for the day school principalship.

The Tamil and Chinese churches have not made much progress this year, the latter having had more than its share of families removing. Both pastors are faithful men and have done good service. The W. F. M. S. ladies have helped along this work, Miss Urech in the Chinese Church and Miss Dean in the Tamil. The church building is situated in a very unsuitable place and the expense of taking the boarding-school girls to the services is heavy. The present church-building could be turned into pastor's house and a new structure erected at the Museum end of the Girls' School site. I think this should be done.

During the year a goodly number of girls professed conversion in the Day School under Miss Dean. The Boarding School has been ably

managed by Miss Urech, and she has also made the missionaries passing through very comfortable on their way to the "Nest."

*Sitiawan.* The possibilities of this station are many and our work and institutions should be greatly developed. Here we have a great Chinese community nearly all friendly to us, and I would urge a vigorous forward campaign.

- (1) We need Bro. Silverthorne to be set apart wholly for Chinese and missionary work with a young assistant to look after the Mission Plantation.
- (2) We need a Women's and Children's Hospital.
- (3) We need a new Church building, a new Boys' School building, also Girls' School and Hospital buildings.
- (4) We need a strong Girls' School on English and Chinese lines.
- (5) Also a circuit chain of new mission and school chapels.

During the year Bro. Silverthorn has again excelled as our estate manager. In possessing the Mission Plantation we have a very valuable asset for the future. If rubber keeps up the estate ought to pay 80% this year. In addition to this work Bro. Silverthorn has, with the assistance of his good wife, helped the Anglo-Chinese School, the Chinese and Tamil churches, the Chinese Y. M. C. A. and the building of Ayer Tawar church.

*Foochow Chinese Congregation.* I am sorry to report that the Rev. Hieng Ngiew, the pastor of the Foochow congregation, died during the year. He was a member of the Foochow Conference and had been with us just over two years. He did good and faithful work and he was greatly missed. His place was taken by a visiting elder on furlough from China, Bro. Ling Su Wah who however has now returned. Bishop Lewis has just transferred the Rev. Li Ko Ding to this Conference and the congregation has raised \$800 for his travelling expenses. Bishop Lewis writes that he is one of his most valued preachers. I am hoping that he will be able to do great things in the church.

*Sitiawan Kucheng Congregation.* This is in a very flourishing condition and has been under Bro. Lee Kaik Seng who has done the work without salary handing over the \$120 per month stipend to the Chinese Church—*Boys' and Girls' Vernacular Schools*. The Boys' School now has 60 boys who are taught by Christian teachers and who have regular Bible lessons and open and close school with a service.

At the Christmas Day service a collection of \$675 was taken up and 1,400 people attended the service. They have 120 Enquirers, who are not yet probationers on the roll.

During the year they have raised for all purposes the sum of \$ The two Chinese congregations have a scheme to erect a large church to accommodate 700 people at a cost of \$20,000.



A Chinese Y. M. C. A. was opened during the year and the young men have now a good reading room and a place of Christian recreation. Good work has been done in this matter by the son of our first preacher Mr. Ding Liang Di ably assisted by one of first local preachers in Sitiawan Mr. Ling Ti Kong.

Prayer services, cottage meetings and school services are held in various parts of the colony and at Sungei Wangi and Ayer Tawar.

*The Sitiawan Tamil Church.* This congregation has gone steadily forward and good faithful work has been done by the pastor Mr. L. A. Samuel. He has started a Tamil Vernacular School where he teaches in the mornings only. The Chaplain of the Church of England uses our mission church on his quarterly visits to Sitiawan for European services.

*The Boys' Orphanage* has nearly 30 boys. It is doing a fine work for God and some of these boys are going to be the future preachers of this Conference. On Sunday week we buried one of the boys who had died from typhoid fever and the service greatly affected many. He was a lad of 16 years of age and loved the Saviour. There are many problems calling for a solution on this district.

- (1) There is first the great dearth of foreign workers. We cabled, with the consent of Finance Committee, to the Board for ten new ones for this district alone.
- (2) We must also face the problem of getting more Asiatic workers. Until we have established a very strong preachers' training school we shall never be able to solve this problem.
- (3) Following closely upon that is the subject of adequate salaries. All our preachers must receive higher rates of pay in order to meet the increased cost of living. I understand the Board has made some provision for this but our local churches too must increase their rate of giving for pastoral support.
- (4) Then we have before us the problem of financing our schools. If we pay the Government rates of salaries we shall be bankrupt within one year, unless the Government either adopts the budget scheme or gives us very substantial grants. I am inclined to the latter method for I see a grave danger ahead of us in the budget scheme. The schools will lean more and more upon Government finances and raise nothing themselves by way of support until the Government will say "We may as well run the Schools ourselves," and thus we shall be put out of the business and thereby lose a grand opportunity of moulding the young life of this country for Christ. May God direct us and bless us. Our trust is in Him, the Great Solver of all doubts and difficulties. I thank all my colleagues for their loyal help and sympathy throughout the District.

W. E. HORLEY,  
District Supt.

### Penang District.

#### FITZGERALD MEMORIAL CHURCH.

The Services have been put back to the usual hour and the attendance has become quite encouraging. It has not been easy to get back Members who had been unable to attend the Services at night and some of them will never return. This Church has raised \$522.25 for its own upkeep. A Weekly Prayer Meeting has been held, attended by the Missionaries and one or two others, but with the effort that can be put into it by one man who has school work, is learning Chinese, and taking his Conference course, we cannot expect any large increase in the congregation, but all the same it does not compare unfavourably with some of the other Churches which have pastors with no other work. There is no Sunday School work in connection with the Church though the Anglo-Chinese School Sunday School is reported as the English Sunday School. This school has done fairly well this year.

The Epworth League has had a good year and maintained the interest of the young people. Many of the young people of other churches are connected with this League.

#### TAMIL WORK.

This Church has not had a very successful year and it can show no increase in its membership in spite of the fact that it has a full Elder as its pastor and has three Local Preachers and one Exhorter. It has made no outside effort, as in years gone by, and has dissipated its energies in disensions and beckerings amongst its official members.

One redeeming feature in it is the amounts of money it has raised for its expenses. It has been able to contribute \$200.00 to the benevolences and the Sunday School raised for its expenses \$258.00.

The school has not made a very good record either. Its standard IV, examined with the A. C. S. and on the same papers as all our other schools passed only 9 out of 20. I am sure that this poor result is due to bad management and reckless promotions in years gone by. The Inspector of Schools has expressed himself as dissatisfied with its work on more than one occasion. Its accommodation is too limited, it is noisy and crowded and good work is impossible. It is planned to absorb this school into the general plan of schools for the town if it can be done, that is, if the site desired can be obtained. The Education Department has informed us that it is the intention of Government to erect a new Elementary School at the Dato-Kramat end of Perak Road near the Jail and that this school will probably affect our Anglo-Tamil School at Dato-Kramat. I think it would be no loss to us if we asked Government to make provision in their proposed school for the absorption of our school.

## CHINESE WORK.

*Penang.* The Chinese Church here is the one bright oasis in our desert. Its numbers have risen to 150. The congregation worships in the A. C. S. Hall as it has done for some two years, the old Church not being large enough to hold the congregation. There has been perfect harmony between the pastor and people. The pastor has returned his salary this year and with other monies raised they have put one thousand dollars on deposit with the Mission Treasurer as a nucleus for a building fund and hope with the Centenary Asksings to put up a suitable Church and Parsonage.

This Church has a powerful Sunday School comprising the greater part of the Church membership. It also has its own Epworth League and a Christian Endeavour class for English speaking Young men. This has furnished several members for the Church in fact more than all the other Churches put together. It has also a Ladies' Aid Society which is working for the new building. I have asked from the Centenary for \$9,000 (gold) for the Chinese Church and Parsonage and \$15,000 (gold) for a Social Hall.

*Ayer Itam.* An attempt has been made to revive work here which we have carried on for over 25 years but it is not very hopeful. The Sunday School that was carried on from town last year has not been kept up this year.

The school was found to be making a very heavy drain on the District appropriations and an appeal to the residents brought only very slight response, so I decided to close it up. No one has suffered to any extent from this, as all the children come to the town schools, they failed to see that it would cost more to pay Tram fare, cake money and such like than it would have cost to have paid increased school fees. Last year the Average enrolment was 18 and the average attendance 12 and it cost the Mission \$322.00. The house which we use was given to the Mission by a Chinese Christian some years ago.

## PROVINCE WELLESLEY.

This work has not been very encouraging having suffered from lack of supervision. If more time and attention had been given to the work we have instead of looking for opportunities to occupy every little village in the Province the results would have been different.

It was a great pity that Mr. Hall had to be removed from Parit Buntar but as there was no house for them to live in and no means of support without dragging the school into a big debt they had to go. The school has grown to its full capacity. It is a pity that when it was built fore sight did not compel the builders to make it twice the size or to make the present building strong enough to carry a second storey.

It is possible we may get a good site close by, if we can get the Centenary Asking and Government help for another building. Mr. Tan

Lo Heong who helped very much with the present building promised to give one-fourth of the site which belonged to him and to induce his brother-in-law to give us or sell us another fourth at a nominal price and to try and get the other half at as reasonable a price as possible. The Committee who visited this place for the purpose reported favourably on the proposition to put a building for a High School here. The D. of E. was not very encouraging when I wrote to him about the matter.

The School work has been good and results of the examination held in conjunction with the other Province Schools on similar papers to those set in the A. C. S. Penang, were good. There has been a great deal of difficulty in maintaining anything like a staff.

The Church work has been very feeble indeed and has had only a name of existence. Sunday School work has been carried on and religious exercises have been carried out in the day school. These exercises led the D. of E. to make inquiries from all schools as to how much pressure was brought to bear on boys to make them attend these exercises. Some ill disposed persons have tried several times during the year to make trouble for the school with the parents and guardians of the pupils but they have met with little success.

*Nibong Tebal.* This station has carried on much as usual. The school in spite of extension last year is now full up. The Inspector of Schools has not reported favourably on this school owing to the lack of competent qualified teachers and to insufficient supervision.

Church work, in spite of many efforts and previous years Evangelistic efforts shows a decrease in membership mostly owing to the departure of members, but it is to be regretted that we have not sufficient force at work here to gather in other members from the great numbers of Tamils employed every where around this town. I found a Chinese man trying to teach Chinese in the Day School but no scholars wished to learn and he had been unable to gather even a single person to attend a service so I discontinued his services.

*Bukit Mertajam.* The School work has grown in numbers and the work has not been bad though the I. of S. twice during the year reported against the Headmaster and requested his removal. In spite of this I have not been able to carry out his request as I had no one to take his place.

Church work is merely nominal and there is no Chinese work at all. I found only one Chinese member at the beginning of the year.

The whole of the Province work is very discouraging. In the schools at Parit Buntar we have only the Headmaster qualified to teach up to Standard VII and not a single teacher qualified at all. At Nibong Tebal the Headmaster is qualified to teach up to Standard IV not a single other teacher has any qualification. At Bukit Mertajam the Headmaster is qualified to teach up to Standard IV and not a single teacher has any qualification.



It is not to be wondered at that the Education Department has complained and even threatened to lower the Grants. It is rumoured that Government is planning a big school at Prai, if so, it will take all the boys as they leave the smaller schools, unless we can establish a High School at Parit Buntar. These boys as they pass Standard IV either come to the A. C. S. Penang or go to other schools. As they live in the Province we can do nothing with them and the schools there lose all touch with them. The Heads of the Schools have been over taxed with their work and attempts to qualify themselves for higher work and so the Evangelistic work for which the schools are here, such as was done in the early days when they were started has practically ceased to exist. I believe strong efforts were made at various points in the Province by Dr. Denny and Mr. Baughman but I have not been able to find the slightest trace of any results. Every station shows loss in membership and practically not a single probationer has been added for some years. I had hoped that Mr. Wade Jones would have taken hold and developed this work in the schools and in the Churches as well, but he did not see it that way. We have lost face with the Government by his coming and staying such a little while and with no one to carry on. We had promised for a long time to give this work adequate supervision and now there is none.

*Simpang Ampat.* There was a school here at the beginning of the year and another at Bukit Tamboon less than two miles away. The latter was held in the dirtiest, darkest, most stinking room, I ever saw used for school purposes. I was afraid to even enter it and closed it up on sight. I wonder the Sanitary Authorities ever allowed it to be used as a school. Some of the children went to Simpang Ampat. It was very difficult to get suitable teachers as they would only stay long enough to enable them to use the name of having been a teacher to get some other work. This school was drawing heavily on the District appropriation and so I was compelled to close it down. No one suffered as all these children now go, either to Nibong Tebal or Bukit Mertajam. The spending of District appropriation on these schools has deprived it of the means of engaging preachers for Evangelistic work for which it is intended. The schools failed to support themselves and the Evangelistic Work has not been done, nor have the schools provided any means for Evangelistic work. All the Years appropriation has had to be used to pay up the overdrafts these schools had made on the A. C. S. which of course could not be expected to bear them.

*Kulim.* Last year's statistics show 38 in membership but we have not been able to find them and have been assured that the congregation last year consisted of five when the pastor and his wife were present. No effort has availed in trying to gather up any who were said to have belonged to this church before. Most of the people who used to attend years ago have gone to other places, mostly driven out by the development of Rubber Estates. The school was nearly down and out. At the

end of 1918 there were 6 on the roll and the monthly expenses ran to \$70.00. On my second visit the teacher—a Chinese was in such a condition that he could not tell whether he had had school the previous day or not and his record book and registers gave no further information. A change was made at once and now there are between 40 and 50 on the roll and two teachers in charge.

The Rubber Estate is doing well. The old house or rather the old Church had to be pulled down to prevent it falling in. New Coolie Lines, smoke house and store and a house for the headmaster have been built on the land.

A good chance of securing a splendid site on the border of the town was missed during Mr. Baughman's illness. A Towkay an old pupil of the A. C. S. bought it, but could get no reply to his letters and telegrams so he sold it and made a profit of \$1,500. No other site, within the town limits could be had at any price. This man had taken up a subscription and when the matter fell through he was so ashamed that he declares he will do nothing more for us. He has felt very sore about the matter. He told me that he had helped the Catholics in a village near by about three years ago, to build a Church and he said they now have a congregation of over 3,000. He said our mission has been here about 25 years and we have neither school nor Church and no congregation and no minister. Do you wonder I am ashamed of our Mission?

*Sungei Patani.* I was greatly surprised and disappointed on my first visit to this place to learn that we had not acquired any land at all. This could have been done as soon as it was known that the town would be moved to the new site. When I first went every shop house site had been sold at almost fabulous prices. It is doubtful if we can ever acquire any site within the town limits. I found that some effort had been made at the end of 1918 but probably owing to Mr. Baughman's break down nothing had come of it and we had lost out.

The school had become depleted, and on my first visit to Alor Star the Assistant Advisor informed me that the Kedah Government meant to keep all English Education in its own hands and would give no encouragement to anyone, particularly Missions, to do Education Work. The Government had just completed a large building for an English School at Sungei Patani and all Malay Boys had been told that they must attend it. The Chinese people, who had invited us to open up school and Church work, had built a fine big Chinese School and had sent round the band inviting the Chinese, most of whom had subscribed to it, to send their children to that school so we were left with only a very few Tamil children. The outlook was not at all encouraging so I closed up the school and brought the teacher into town. This school also had drawn quite a good deal on the appropriations.

The Tamil Church Work has been carried on since then by Mr. Phillips who goes down for the week-end. The congregation pays his expenses. They are very ambitious for a Church Building.

The Chinese Work in Sungei Patani with a congregation at Bedong has done fairly well in spite of the fact that the preacher has had but very indifferent health all the year. I had feared more than once that he would have to drop out. Mr. Tan Leong has been a good supporter of our work. He has built a good sized house at the end of a block and gives the use of it rent free. The pastor lives at the back and part of the upstairs. The large room in front, downstairs is used for services and a large room, upstairs, is used as a reading room and rest room for the people when they come into the town. The Chinese Church shows a membership of 66 against 19 of last year. The Tamil Church shows an increase of one probationer.

#### ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL.

I took charge March 1st. The following changes of staff have taken place during the year:—Mr. Thomas, Mr. Blasdell, Miss Moore and Miss Keck left and Miss Pykett and Miss Carey and Mr. Proebstal have been added.

The enrolment for 1919 was 1432 the highest since 1916 and the average attendance was 1346 also the highest since 1916. This increase was occasioned almost entirely by afternoon classes. These classes were anything but satisfactory as they were not properly supervised and have been dropped for this year.

The Government Report for 1918 was not good and in the Higher Elementary report this remark was made. "This report does not justify continuance of the first class grading in the Higher Elementary Department as it indicates defective school management." Standard Seven passed 17 first class and 56 second class with 12 failures out of 85. This year we had 12 first 78 second with 36 failures out of 126.

In the Lower Elementary the report of 1918 was not good. It ends "This is questionable school management."

October 27th and 28th the I. of S. inspected the Lower school and reported somewhat favourably. His report ends "I notice a gradual improvement and a brighter atmosphere in the Lower School."

The report on the Higher Elementary work is not yet to hand.

The work of the school is rendered very difficult by the very poor accommodation of a great many of the classes. Some steps must be taken to get new buildings at once. I am afraid it is useless to expect any financial help from the public. The Chinese are so much taken up with their own schools, especially now that Government will inspect them, and what Government will do we do not know.

The D. of E. disapproved most emphatically and decisively of Mr. Baughman's plans for a building on our present site and the tearing down of the building we now use.



Our Staff is very weak and most of the teachers are in higher classes than they are competent to teach. We have had only one foreign teacher in the whole school for the greater part of the year. Years ago we had three and four. We have had four lady supervisors.

The Cadets and Scouts were examined at the end of the year by Government Officers and were well reported on. Our school has suffered much in sports owing to our school hours, as it is almost impossible to get boys to come to school in the afternoon.

The Anglo-Chinese School Union has kept up its usefulness and popularity. I was approached by its officers to see if the mission would sell them the premises formerly the W. F. M. S. School and Home for which they offered \$30,000. The premises still to be used for the Union's purposes. Thus it would remain as a Mission Institution connected with the school.

#### "HILLVIEW."

The Boarding school disappeared August 1918 and is now nonest. I have had more than thirty applications for Boarders within the past three months. Hillview is now the home of the Missionary Staff of the A. C. S. In March it was found to be in such a bad state of repair that we were ordered to repair it. These repairs cost over \$3,000 and the "Cottage" was nearly as bad and cost \$2,100 to put in repair. These houses are now nearly as good as new and are worth not less than \$60,000 and including the Church and land \$100,000.

#### PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT.

I had planned to sell the "Woodhouse" premises to the Anglo-Chinese School Union. And to sell part of the land where the old shop-houses stand to the Chinese Church. This would give them a good site in the heart of the town and just where they want it. I would also sell the other portion to the Social Hall for which we have asked funds from the Centenary. These sales would clear off all the debt on these properties. We would have to depend on Centenary Askings, Government Aid and public subscriptions for the other two sites and buildings for A. C. S. extension. The question is can any site now be obtained for this purpose? The loss of the site in Dato-Kramat we expected to get and Government's plan to build a fair sized school in that locality will interfere very considerably with our plan and I fear make them very much more difficult, if not impossible.

I learned at F. C. in July that no Askings from this District for Centenary Funds had reached New York. We supposed Dr. Denny had sent them in in 1917. Mr. Baughman learned that they had not reached New York and we believe this also did not reach there. I at once made out a list and sent them in and gave a set to Mr. Cherry which he promised to present in person. On January the 14th I had a letter from Mr. Donoughue saying they had been received and had been taken into consideration with the rest. If they had not, the Penang



District would have been in such a position that there would be no hope for it. It seems very strange that the previous Askings never reached New York, but it is perhaps providential they did not, as I asked more than I think any one would have dared to have done two years ago. I am informed that the other Askings for Malaysia have been raised to the same level. We shall need it I am sure.

#### WOMEN'S WORK.

The Alexandra Home has had an unusually successful year in marrying off several of its inmates. A good deal of money has been spent in badly needed repairs. A good sum more is needed to paint it inside and out. Several of the Churches notably in Sitiawan and the Penang Tamil, have responded very liberally to appeals for help. This useful institution needs at present all the help it can get.

#### W. F. M. S.

The Anglo-Chinese Girls' School is again full up and clamouring for more room. Plans have been considered for extension of the day school but little progress had been made towards their fulfilment.

The "Winchel Home" has had its usual large family. The building needs considerable repairs, but I think the best way to repair it is to build a new building.

Miss Martin has been much missed in Chinese work and with her Bible-women. They have gone about their work with very little supervision.

I think it will be seen from the above that what we want is more Missionary power and enthusiasm. How that is to be had I do not see. I do not look on the coming year with any great optimism and should not regret being relieved of the responsibility of carrying on with no prospect of workers who will set about doing something for the Evangelisation of the people for which we are here. We are neglecting the opportunities and the responsibility is to me fearful.

G. F. PYKETT.

#### SARAWAK DISTRICT.

This is the first report from Sarawak as a District, but it is the same old place, the same old work and the same old man on the job.

The work began in Sarawak with the coming of a Methodist colony which settled there in 1901. In 1902 Dr. West visited the place twice and organized the work. I was sent in 1903. The work was at first reported at Borneo, and in my first year I returned with a report of 183 member which decreased to 169 in 1908. This was due to the numbers that returned to China. The whole colony would have gone back to China at this time if it had been possible to get there.

In 1903 property value was \$1500, and total self-support \$165. This year we report a membership of over 1000, more than \$35,000 in property, very little of which came from the Board, and self-support \$13,000 for the year. We have also subscribed \$10,000 to endow our High School.

During the war emigration practically ceased, but we have got to a place where we do not need to depend on emigrants to increase our population—we have over 600 baptized children under 9 years of age. But when fares get cheaper and restrictions removed, emigrants will come again; there are reports of whole villages intending to come to us. During the last year several large European rubber planting companies have been looking over our District in search of land, and will begin work as soon as concessions can be obtained. We have kept in closest touch with these companies and hope to be able through our people to furnish them labor which will be grist to our mill. It would be proper to say that the work is just beginning in Sarawak.

I might take each appointment separately, and tell of the good men and the good work being done, but I prefer to say, "Watch our smoke." We have been far out to sea, but we are on our way to port, and bring a full cargo, but there are several things that should be separately mentioned.

We held our Evangelistic meetings during June, July and August. Our local preachers, we have 23, take the greatest interest, and the meetings result in great good, reviving the work and adding to the Church.

During the year I visited Serekei twice. This place is well situated and in a few years will be an important place. We have two churches built, and plans for another this year. We have also bought land in the bazaar to build a church and school as soon as I return from furlough.

Our schools are all thoroughly organized, the same course of study being followed by all, the best methods of teaching followed and the latest books used. The Central High School is located in one of the older settlements where the boys can support themselves tapping rubber. School is from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. giving the boys time to tap in the morning before going to school, thus earning from \$10 to \$20 a month. Only Chinese is taught except in the High School, and there the amount of English taught will not hurt anyone, and only to boys who hope to go to China or elsewhere to complete their education.

The Girls' School continues to be a delight and a great help. The school has been running long enough to have sent out quite a number of girls to be the wives of our boys in the different settlements. Wherever they go they are a great help to the work and a good example to the women who have not had their advantages. There is no more important work on one District.

The work at Bukit Lan was begun by Brother Davis in 1912, and while he stayed with us the work flourished, but he was taken sick and

had to return to America in 1916. We hoped for his return, but it is now certain that he cannot come back.

After he left the boys scattered to the different settlements, as the rubber gardens had begun to yield, and their help was needed at home, so schools were built in convenient places, and Bukit Lan with its fine new building was left to only a few children of this settlement. In 1917 Brother G. S. Miner wrote to me proposing to plant a rubber garden in Sarawak to support Orphanages in China. The whole plan as outlined by him looked good to me, and I gave every assistance in securing land, etc. In 1918 Brother Miner's son Wallace came to take charge of the work. As far as planting is concerned, he succeeded, for he planted some 20,000 trees in nine months. But complication arising on the field he was removed by Bishop Stuntz at our last Conference. Since then I have been in charge. I have done my best to carry the work on, and can say that the garden is in good condition and doing well.

The Government intended to auction the garden, pay debts and wind up affairs as usual, but because they could not separate the garden in their thinking from our Mission, they made every endeavour to save us the shame of a public-auction. The Resident himself visited the garden several times, and finally decided that the Government will hold the garden in trust, sell the part which is planted on our land to our Mission, use that money to develop the rest of the garden—about 20,000 trees, and then turn it back to the Orphanages. I have all the papers to this effect in my possession.

We go on furlough after this Conference. It is surely with mingled feelings. We ask for no one to be sent to Sarawak in our place. We leave the work in charge of Uong Ging Huo and Lau Kek Uong, two former members of this Conference—faithful, intelligent Christian men. They are assisted by the local preachers and exhorters at the different stations, all united and earnestly working for the extension of the Kingdom. We are sure the work will prosper and grow in their hands.

### Singapore District.

In submitting the report of the Singapore District for the past year the first and most important fact which should be mentioned is the District's need for prayer. In certain directions, progress has been made for which we are profoundly grateful to God; but, on the one hand the shortage of workers has been so great, and on the other, the opportunities so large and appealing, that one feels that the work in Singapore has reached a crisis. Perhaps it may have been God's will for certain phases of it to be held in abeyance for the time being; but at the same time we are deeply conscious of the fact that unprecedented opportunities, especially in connection with the College Project, have been passing by, through the sheer necessity of caring for the schools, the churches and other phases of the work which we already have. As one thinks of the seriousness of existing conditions, he cannot help but feel that prayer is

the only way out of all the difficulties. God, speaking through His prophet, Jeremiah, said, "Call upon me and I will answer thee; and will show thee great things, and difficult, which thou knowest not." We pin our faith upon these words and, in a spirit of absolute reliance upon God, we look unto Him who alone, in the present crisis, is able to open up the way for the advancement and development of the work of His Kingdom in this strategic centre. Therefore, brothers and sisters, we plead with you to join with us in a spirit of intercession before God that He may send us the workers which we need, the funds which we require, the plans which we must have, and above all that He may baptise our churches and schools with His Holy Spirit so that there may be a great ingathering of souls into the Kingdom of our Lord during this next Conference year.

#### STAFF.

The year began with a dearth of workers. Mrs. Nagle and I returned in April from a short but busy furlough. Soon afterwards Miss Steele went home. In June Miss Olson returned from China, bringing with her Mrs. Hoh, a thoroughly competent and energetic Bible Woman. Mr. Baird, formerly an officer in the Salvation Army, and Mrs. Baird joined the Methodist Publishing House in June. Mr. Swift sailed for America in August in order to prepare himself still further for work in this field. His loss was made good by the arrival of Miss Chenoweth in Septemebr, just as the new school term was beginning. On 25th September, Mr. Cherry and family took leave from Singapore on a much needed furlough. As Mr. Cherry's successor in Wesley Church had not arrived, he bequeathed to me the pastorate of Wesley Church along with the Superintendency of the Singapore District. These extra responsibilities along with the principalship of the Anglo-Chinese School, the editorship of the Malaysia Message, the secretaryship of the College Project, and one or two other small offices, made it impossible to give sufficient time and attention to secure satisfactory results in any one phase of the work. Had it not been for Mr. Matson who rendered very satisfactory service as Vice-Principal of the school it would not have been possible to carry on the work under the circumstances. Mr. Monroe and family arrived on the 16th of November, Mr. Monroe supplying the pulpit of the English Church until the arrival of Mr. Holman on 7th January. A few days after Mr. Monroe reached Singapore, it became necessary to transfer Mr. Matson to the School at Ipoh, thus increasing the work here considerably. All of the members of the staff have felt more or less seriously the nervous strain, caused by the heavy pressure of work. The junior staff of the Mission received two additions during the year through the birth of Grace Margaret to Mr. and Mrs. Hornbeck, and of Robert Mead to Mr. and Mrs. Matson.

As regards the Asiatic staff, we wish to express our thankfulness and joy for the return of Brother Kong Iau Siong who took up the pastorate of the Hakka China in May. Rev. Deng Peng Deng, pastor of the Hing-hua Church developed a serious physical ailment and was ordered to China



by the doctor in April. This meant a great loss to the Hinghua Church, but Mr. Tay Chi Gi an exhorter, was appointed to take charge of the work during Brother Deng's absence. A recent letter from him stated that he was very much improved in health, and that he hoped to be able to return to his post of duty soon after Conference. In Brother Deng's absence, Mr. James Huong, a local preacher, co-operated with Mr. Chi Gi in a very large way in looking after the various interests of the Hinghua Church, and it was a great loss to the Church as well as to his many friends when Brother Huong passed away in November after an attack of Influenza.

#### PROPERTY AND FINANCE.

The amount appropriated by the Board of Foreign Missions for the Singapore District was \$2,371. The total amount raised locally by the churches was \$21,263, thus showing that for every dollar given by the Board the local churches gave nine.

The debt of \$585 on Geylang Church, reported at last Annual Conference was reduced to \$63. The Baba Church increased its building funds from \$5,393 to \$12,768; and the Tamil Church from \$2,505 to \$3,162.

Through the enthusiasm of Mr. Sullivan, the heirs of the late Mr. Somapa promised to give to the Mission and College eight acres of choice land at Ayer Kemurah facing the sea. It was promised as a memorial to the late Mr. Somapa. It is to be used as a sea-side resort during the vacation periods.

#### CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

During the year 55 adults were baptized, 3 more than last year; but only 40 children were baptized, a decrease of 11. At present there are 256 preparatory members, an increase of 67. There are 322 full members on roll, an increase of 88 over last year. The total membership is 997, an increase of 165, or a gain of 16½%. The Sunday Schools show an increase of 17 officers and teachers; and 172 scholars of all grades, or a total increase of 189.

#### CANTONESE CHURCH.

It was the desire and plan of the Methodist Church to start work among the Cantonese people of Singapore as soon as a pastor could be found. Correspondence with Mr. Lee Chye Yan, a brother of Mr. Lee, the photographer was carried on for some time with the view to getting him some day to come back to Singapore as a pastor of the Cantonese Church. Mr. Lee secured his degree from Asbury College, Kentucky, in June, 1918, and after spending some time in Canton, China reviewing his Chinese, he arrived in Singapore in September. In October, the Cantonese congregation was divided from the Hakka, and Mr. Lee took up the pastorate forthwith. However, Miss Olson and Mrs. Ho had already a very good nucleus with which to start the Church. The first Quarterly Conference in its history was held on Wednesday evening, 8th

October, and a complete organization effected. In four months' time the church has made wonderful progress. There are at present 37 full members, 45 probationers; and the congregations are averaging about 120 each Sunday. The enthusiasm manifested in the Church is most gratifying, and bespeaks a bright future for it.

#### EDUCATIONAL MATTERS.

The Annual Report issued by the Department of Education of Government for the year 1918 shows that there were 9043 boys and girls in the English schools in Singapore. These figures point out the fact that the Methodist Church is one of the largest factors in the educational work here. Keeping this fact in mind it seems to me that we should make a most urgent appeal to Government for larger support with which to carry on the work which we are doing. The moral as well as the scholastic results are contributions and assets to the British Empire, and therefore deserving of more liberal support by Government. We know that steps have been taken already for the purpose of securing much needed assistance, but it seems as if we must go still further in making our wants and urgent needs known. Unless Government fully realizes the seriousness of the financial difficulties under which we are working at present and gives us such financial support as will enable us to conduct our schools free of debt, it would seem necessary that steps should be taken to provide additional income from other sources, or else close the doors of our institutions. We have been informed that the Catholics, unless sufficient financial help is given them by Government, propose to send off all non-Catholic boys and to carry on their schools for their own boys exclusively.

Good work has been done by our schools during the year in spite of the difficulties experienced in maintaining a staff of qualified teachers. Sickness and better prospects in business offices took away several of our best teachers. It is hoped that the salary scheme about to be projected by Government will appeal to the more promising young men and women of our schools, and that they will take up the teaching profession.

The matter of higher education in the Colony is receiving the attention of Government. Raffles College Project was started during the year as a Centenary memorial of the founding of the Colony.

We regret that the Anglo-Chinese College Project has been retarded so much in its development. The matter of exemption from registration of the College Council is still a subject of correspondence with Government. However, a recent communication from Government would indicate that they intend to grant us exemption from registration in the very near future. On account of the heavy pressure of work devolving upon the Secretary of the College Project in connection with the churches, the schools and other work which he has been compelled to assume, it has not been possible to do much soliciting of subscriptions for the College. Since returning to Singapore, last April, we have been able to collect only

about \$33,000 on subscriptions, but during the past three months it has not even been possible to collect the instalments due. As soon as Conference is over and the heavy work which always comes at the beginning of the school year is out of the way, we are sure that it is going to be possible to collect all subscriptions due to date with perhaps one or two exceptions. One prominent Chinese towkay has offered to give us \$60,000 with which to purchase the large brick house on the hill-top at Keppel Harbour adjoining our College property.

#### SELF-SUPPORT.

Since taking over the District, we have urged the churches to do as much as possible towards self-support. The one which has responded most enthusiastically to the appeal has been the Tamil Church. The Tamil congregation has pledged through monthly subscriptions more than enough money to cover the pastor's salary and other expenses, thus freeing him from the double task of teaching and preaching. He is now able to devote all of his time to his church work, and it is hoped that great good will result by this step in the interests of the new Tamil Church project.

"Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all generations for ever and ever. Amen."

J. S. NAGLE.

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### Standing Committees and Boards.

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#### COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

In reporting the evangelistic work of the conference for the year, two things stand out distinctly. The first of these is the great shortage of workers with which we have had to face the task at hand. The second, and one for which we wish to express our gratitude to God, is that even in the face of these great difficulties, so much good and definite results have come as a result of the work of the year. It goes without saying that more might have been done than has been done, more workers, or workers with more time to devote to this special phase of work, could, of course, have reaped larger returns. Perhaps even those who have been on the field might have done more than has been done. Still, we cannot refrain from feeling a deep satisfaction and gratitude for what God by His Spirit has enable us to do.

It is impossible, in the time and space allotted to this report, to report all the meetings that have been held, and all the results. It can be said, however, that in practically all our stations, at different times during the year, special efforts have been put forth, special meetings have been held, and in practically all cases with real and gratifying results.



In most of the stations Passion Week services were held. Early in the year the Bishop of Assam visited most of the large stations and held services that were greatly appreciated and that brought blessing and results in many places. Mr. Stanes, the Sunday School Missionary from India, also visited and held meetings in all our larger places and in some smaller ones. Wherever he went, he drew great crowds to see his pictures and to hear his earnest gospel messages. We trust and believe that much good was done by his meetings. We only wish that efforts of a more definite nature had been put forth that would have brought about definite decisions for Christ.

In addition to these meetings, and in addition to the evangelistic meetings that have been held in many of the out stations of the districts, in our larger stations various worthy lines of effort have been carried out during the year. Much good work has been done in the way of street meetings and visiting hospitals. Finally, definite efforts have been carried out during the year in the field of our greatest evangelistic opportunity; namely our day schools. In most, if not all, of our large schools, and in some of our smaller ones, special meetings have been held with gratifying results. A goodly number of the young people of our schools have accepted Christ as their Saviour and special classes for instruction have been formed as a result.

In speaking of these special and definite types of work that are usually thought of in speaking or thinking of evangelism, it is only fair also to give full credit to other, thought less specialized, lines of work that are of real evangelistic value. In this connection we would mention the work of our Sunday Schools, our Epworth and Junior Leagues, and the Religious Education in our Day Schools. It is too often emphasized that too little evangelistic work is being done, and especially that the most of our workers are not doing definite evangelistic work. We submit that if we are doing the tasks that are committed to us in our schools and in our Sunday Schools and Leagues, faithfully and conscientiously, we are all doing work that in the truest sense of the word is evangelistic, and is of incalculable valued in the matter of winning souls for Christ and the Kingdom and in training them to be really effective Christians.

In this connection it is worth taking time to emphasize especially the relation of religious education in our day schools and Sunday Schools to the matter of evangelism. First of all it needs to be emphasized that our conception of evangelism is likely to be too narrow. We are too apt to think of evangelism merely as the one single act of bringing an individual to a decision for Christ. This is certainly vital, and without it, somewhere along the line of experience, the whole work fails. But there is just as vital and necessary work to be done beforehand and afterward that is vitally apart of any plan of evangelism. There is the necessary instruction and training that must precede the matter of a decision. A decision, to be of real value must be one that is based on intelligence. There are ideals that must be presented and upheld.



There are definite habits of thought and action and attitudes of life that must be developed, even before a child is of the age to make a decision based upon his own judgment. All this is a vital part of evangelism. Then after the decision for Christ has been made, the good work must go on, and the instruction and training continued until these attitudes and conceptions and habits become a real part of life. Only as we thus conceive our evangelistic work and carry it out shall we be able to hasten the coming of the kingdom. And in our Sunday Schools and our Day Schools we have the field of our greatest opportunity, where well-directed effort of the right kind will bring the largest and most lasting returns, and returns that will be of more far-reaching importance in the future of our work and the coming of the Kingdom.

As we look at the year that is ahead of us, we would make the following recommendations:

(1) The Committee on Evangelism should put forth every possible effort to secure Rev. Stanley Jones from India to hold special evangelistic services at least in all our big centres.

(2) That this committee also take steps toward the possible securing a Chinese Evangelist from China to hold similar services for the Chinese. If this cannot be done, we recommend that one or more of the strongest Chinese Pastors be released from their regular work for sufficient length of time as to allow them to hold such meetings in various places.

(3) We recommend that all our missionaries and workers give attention to the possible larger use of Steoptican lanterns and lantern slides for evangelistic purposes, wherever these can be secured.

(4) We would especially urge upon all our workers the necessity of a more definite and specific policy in our Sunday Schools and our Day Schools. This should include first a well-planned and systematic course of religious instruction throughout the entire school. It should include, secondly, special meetings arranged to come at the proper place in this course of instruction in order to bring about as large as possible a number of definite decisions for Christ. In the third place, this last step must be followed up by the organization of these converts into special classes of instruction, such as probationers' classes.

(5) Finally, we would urge the necessity of holding special life-service meetings wherever possible, in order to bring large numbers of our young people to consecrate their lives to definite Christian service, and, in the case of young men, to enter the regular ministry.

We feel that all these points must receive our earnest attention and effort if Malaysia is not to fall behind the rest of our conferences helping to achieve the new Centenary goal which has been placed before the church, namely, the winning of one million souls for Christ.

W. G. PARKER, *Chairman.*

## COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved :

1. That we publicly acknowledge our gratitude to God for His love and care during another year.

2. That we record our appreciation of Bishop J. E. Robinson for his able administration of our Conference during the last quadrennium under the greatest disadvantages and we express to him our deepest sympathy that he has been unable to come to us for this Conference and we trust that he will yet have many years of happy association with the work of our Church.

3. That we again welcome with our whole hearts Bishop and Mrs. J. W. Robinson, and that we take this opportunity to say that we are grateful to the Bishop for the efficient and brotherly way he has administered our affairs.

4. That we are glad to have brother A. A. Parker visit our Conference, and thank him for his helpful addresses.

5. That we visitors thank our brothers and sisters in Singapore for their kindness and care. We know it is no small task to entertain the Conference year after year, but each year puts us under greater obligations to them.

6. That we thank the Pastor and people of Wesley Church for the use of their church, and congratulate them on the prospects of getting a pipe organ.

7. That we respectfully send greeting to our new Governor H. E. Sir Lawrence Guillemard, K.C.B., that we re-affirm our loyalty to the Government, and wish the Governor a successful term of office.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC MORALS.

Your Committee on Public Morals wishes to report that there has been some good work accomplished during the past year by different agencies and a great deal of good instructive agitation started which if continued will bring good results in the future. The people of this land are for the most part skeptical about any good coming from organized campaigns against vice but we can think with rejoicing of the results of the Social Purity campaign, led by Mrs. Dixon and Miss Strout and their committee in the early part of last year, in which one of the worst sections of immorality in several of our cities was driven from the land. The work of this Social Purity Committee is not by any means finished but very much good has been done.

In the Federated Malay States a vigorous campaign has been instituted against toddy shops on estates and there has also been agitation against Sunday labour on estates.

There was also considerable agitation for the registration of marriages for the protection of Chinese women. This movement however

met with no definite success. It was noted that in certain quarters there was an increase in the number of liquor shops. No explanation was available.

The Women's Christian Temperance Unions and the Chinese Young Men's Societies have been doing good work. The W. C. T. U. at Sitiawan is among those that are having a vigorous growth and accomplishing their purposes. The Mission effort along the line of public morals should as much as is possible be put into these organizations which are doing such excellent work and which deserve all the co-operation that can be given to them.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

We feel that the Church in Malaysia has great cause for thanksgiving for the manifest signs of God's presence and for His manifold blessings during the past year. A year ago, we all felt that we were facing one of the most critical years in the history of the mission. Soon after the conference session, a large number of missionaries departed from the field for America, and the conference was left with greatly depleted ranks to assume tasks of no ordinary difficulty. Not only have we been able to continue most of the work as it was last year, but there have also been distinct advances.

Our workers have continued in general good health. Although they have been working under tremendous strain, there have been no serious breakdowns. The achievements of this year have been due in large measure to this condition.

The Conference is suffering, also, from the lack of a trained ministry. The only means of solving this problem is through the training schools. We heartily support every effort to establish these schools on a more stable basis. We urge the enthusiastic support of the whole conference for these schools. We also urge the support of all our workers in searching out young people to enter the schools.

The Tamil work has suffered from the unfavourable exchange which has made the Straits dollar of approximately the same value as the rupee. This has resulted in the return of a large number of Tamils to India and in rendering the Tamil work in many places unsettled.

The increase in the cost of living and the scarcity of rice have wrought real hardship for pastors and people. Throughout this situation, however, a good Christian spirit has been manifested by all.

A cry goes up from the whole conference for missionary evangelists who will be free from school work and can devote their time to the leading of the native workers in evangelistic work. May this cry be heard by great numbers of young people in America who will come to our help and enable us not only to keep our schools adequately staffed, but also to enter into greater endeavour for the bringing of multitudes into the Kingdom,

Thus, the past year has been notable, not for spectacular advances, but for holding the line and making slight advances here and there. But while we rejoice that we have been able to hold the work as well as we have, this situation certainly cannot be allowed to endure throughout another year. No greater present opportunity exists in the world than confronts the Church of Jesus Christ in Malaysia. Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that He will send labourers into His harvest.

ROBERT A. BLASDELL, *Chairman.*

#### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The one out-standing fact which confronts the Committee of Foreign Missions this year is the Centenary Campaign. We wish first of all to record our gratitude to God for the wonderful success which the Centenary had in America, not only in the way of raising millions of dollars for missionary work, but especially for the fact that it has literally meant new spiritual life to the church in many places. We would also record our appreciation of what it means for our work here in Malaysia. In spite of the difficult and pressing problems which lie immediately ahead of us, the future is bright with promise on account of what has been accomplished, and is being accomplished through the Centenary campaign. There is added cause for rejoicing to note that the great financial campaign is being followed immediately with another campaign to win a million souls for Christ before the end of June, 1920. God will as certainly bless this campaign as the other, and great blessing will certainly come to the church, as well as to the world, as a result of this splendid movement.

The matter which is pressing itself upon us, however, is the matter of the Centenary Campaign in our own field, Malaysia. We see not only that the church at home has accomplished great things, but that in both India and China the Centenary Campaign is being pressed with great vigor, and that wonderful programmes have been outlined and are being carried out. Word has come that as a result of the campaign in China, not only have the forces on the field had new visions of the need, the problems, and the opportunities of China, but that one and all are giving themselves to the task with new vigor, and new life has already been brought to our work in China. Similarly great things are taking place in India. While, when we come to face the facts close at hand, practically nothing has been done to get the campaign under way here in our own field.

First of all it is for us to remember that the amounts raised by the Centenary Campaign in America were only part of the total askings for the needs of the field; as indicated in the survey upon which the campaign was based. There remains for us the task of raising the amounts which were indicated to be raised on the Field. It was a matter of no little satisfaction and pride to some of us who were in the Centenary Offices in New York, when the results of the survey came in, to note



that Malaysia led all the large fields in the matter of the proportion of the total askings that were to be raised on the Field. We have set for ourselves the task. It is for us now to carry out that which we have proposed to do. So far, with a few exceptions, very little has been done toward raising the amounts called for in our share of the Centenary Askings. We must prepare to proceed immediately with this campaign.

But of even greater importance is the need of planning and carrying out the campaign for the development of the spiritual resources of the church. It is an acknowledged fact that the most important feature of the Centenary at home was the great emphasis put upon Prayer, Stewardship and Life-service. Had it not been for the fact that the leaders of the movement insisted continually upon giving first emphasis to spiritual values, there is little doubt that the movement would not have had the large financial success that it did. Likewise, here, the matter of supreme importance is the development to the fullest possible extent of the spiritual resources of our churches.

In view of this fact, it seems imperative that we proceed immediately to bring about the proper organization in order to plan and carry forward this most important work. It is true, we are now so under-staffed that every worker has more than he can do well. Still, this phase of the work is of such vital importance to the whole future of our work and our churches here, that it seems absolutely necessary that if anything must be temporarily neglected it must be something else than this.

Therefore we would recommend that this conference immediately proceed to elect a committee, or a Centenary Commission, composed of at least the following departments: (1) A Chairman, or Executive Secretary; (2) A Department of Intercession; (3) A Department of Stewardship; (4) A Department of Life-service; (5) A Department of Minute Men; (6) A Department of Literature and Publicity; and (7) A Department of Finances. We would recommend that this commission be composed of seven persons, one to be the head of each of these departments, to choose others to work with him and to plan and carry out the work of his department, and one as Executive Chairman, or Secretary, to plan and direct the entire campaign and co-ordinate the work of the various departments. For this last position, we should be able to free some one from other work so that he could give half or all of his time to this work. But under the existing condition of shortage of workers, this seems impossible at present. Consequently, the next best step seems to be that some one be appointed to this work who can direct it in connection with his other work, even though he is not able to do as much of the latter as otherwise he could do.

Another phase of this work must be faced and recognized, namely the relation to this campaign, and the publicity which should result therefrom, to the problem of getting more workers for our field. It should be realized that the problem of the great shortage of workers is not likely to be near a solution if we allow India and China, and the other large

fields, to go ahead and put on their campaigns of publicity, at home as well as here, and thus get the problems, the needs and the opportunities of their fields put strongly before the church at home, and before the young people of America, while we neglect to do the same for ours. It is perfectly apparent, to any one who stops to think, that if this occurs, as seems likely unless we get busy at once, the young people at home who are possible candidates will all naturally desire to go to these fields that have been put so strongly before them.

We would also further recommend that the Board of Foreign Missions be earnestly urged to send some one out to this field, including the Netherland Indies Conference, to give full time to the organization and carrying out of this campaign as soon as possible. We see no reason why men should be sent out to do this work in the other fields, and given adequate staff and financial support from home, and at the same time we should be left without any one who has time to do this work here. We must protest most strenuously against this kind of treatment. We would urge that some one be sent out from America, at least immediately after General Conference if not before, to take up this work.

We would also recommend that the Malaysia Message be utilized as a Centenary Bulletin for this field, and that it be enlarged if necessary, to handle this phase of publicity.

W. G. PARKER, *Chairman.*

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## Report of Institutions.

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### REPORT OF THE JEAN HAMILTON TRAINING SCHOOL.

When Mr. Swift left in August we took over the work of the Training School with the three young men in second year studies. To save duplication of teaching energy we had classes three days a week with the five young ladies in the Women's Training School. One hour a week was given to a School of Prayer, when we made a study of the great prayers of the Bible.

We wish to record our grateful appreciation of the splendid series of lectures given in the Y. M. C. A., upon the invitation of our Training School Com., by Dr. Cross of the Presbyterian Church, on the life of Christ. These lectures were the most spiritual and scholarly addresses delivered in Singapore for many years and we hope that they will soon be printed in book form for the local public and a larger circle in the church abroad.

Mr. Lee Chye Yan who recently returned from Asbury College has been helping out loyally with several class periods a week and his vision and consecration are a most helpful and needed contribution to this sickly institution. As none of the present class of boys are Hokkien, Mr. Lim Hong Ban has not had much opportunity on the teaching staff,

The students have been keen and loyal in the midst of discouraging conditions and it has been a pleasure to work with them. Two new boys have recently come to us from Palembang but to date these are the only young men enrolled in the new class.

A simple diagnosis of this lingering institution reveals a number of critical symptoms:—

1. Unsanitary and unsatisfactory quarters for students.
2. Inadequate endowments for staff and scholarships.
3. Lack of fixed policy for graduates as to salary, pension scheme, etc.
4. Absence of conviction in Malaysia Conference that this is important enough and big enough a job for one of our best men—whole time.
5. Its Episcopal foster father has been too much in the far country.
6. The birth rate for candidates has been abnormally low.
7. The Mission its mother has been too busy as school mistress.
8. The Malaysia Churches its brothers and sisters have been so intoxicated by the alluring voices of commerce that they have not heard its faint challenge to a life of sacrifice and service for their perishing fellow countrymen.
9. Kipling's barrier range between East and West has not been successfully scaled.
10. Dimness of vision, and a lean prayer life both with church members and missionaries, have made us all simply drift along hoping that time would work a cure instead of using the X-ray treatment and in necessary transfusion of rich Centenary blood drawn from the veins of some healthy institution with stronger constitution, or amputation of some diseased and atrophied members.

Some suggestions as to remedy:—

1. *Equipment.* Let this Conference set aside enough of the Centenary askings for the College to build as its first building a substantial dormitory for about a dozen students with class rooms and a teachers quarters. This to be the property of the Theological Department of the College.

2. Earmark enough of the Centenary money to put a whole time missionary in charge of the Training School.

3. Fix the salaries of the graduates high enough to insure at least a respectable living and the successive educational advantages to their children.

II. *Candidates.* 1. Let each missionary and pastor search prayerfully for one or more likely young people, and tie up to them, taking them into the inner confidences and consecration of their own lives and foster their devotion until they may see the Christ in all His Beauty and their own races in all their poverty and depravity.

2. Start personal workers classes in the larger stations.
3. See that earnest young Christians are often given the privilege of facing crowds of their own kin in hospital wards, class rooms or on the open highways and asked to speak to them of the unsearchable riches in Christ Jesus.
4. Let all of us as missionaries and church members send up importunate claims to the Master of the Harvest to unmistakably call and thrust forth more harvester hands into the perishing grain.

#### PUBLISHING HOUSE.

The amount of religious literature published during the year is unusually small. This is partly due to the absence of our book editor, Dr. Shellabear, but the principal reason is because it has been impossible to secure a staff of workers sufficiently large to handle the unprecedented volume of commercial work which has been offered us. If it were possible to engage thirty or forty more experienced workmen our output of tracts and religious books, as well as our profits, would make a considerably better showing.

The demand for tracts for free distribution has been very encouraging. The Epworth Leagues throughout our Conference, the street meetings in Singapore, and various other agencies, have been supplied with over a hundred thousand tracts, many of which were issued several years ago. We still have large quantities of these on hand.

Our donations and free printing for the Conference year amount to about \$2,300. This sum includes the loss on the Conference and Finance Committee Minutes for this and the Netherlands Indies Conference, and the approximate loss on the Malaysia Message.

Our Book Depot in Batavia has had a successful year. The stock now carried there is considerably larger, and the sales proportionately greater, than during the first two or three years of its existence.

The financial condition of the Publishing House is highly satisfactory. We believe that our financial year which closes on next March 31st will prove the most prosperous we have had. With the new machinery which is shortly to be installed, and the extensive alterations to the interior of our building which will be made after the return of the publishing agent from furlough, we will be in a position to materially increase the volume of our business.

R. R. HORNBECK, *General Manager.*

#### REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY, 1920.

The statistics for the year 1919 show a decrease of 96 in the enrolment of scholars of all grades, and an increase of only 39 in the average attendance. This would seem to indicate that Sunday School work is not receiving the amount of attention due to it.



Mr. W. H. Stanes visited several stations about midyear, delivering object lectures and showing lantern pictures. These were of great interest and benefit, especially to the children. The work was highly appreciated, and our hearty thanks are due to Mr. Stanes for the valuable services which he rendered voluntarily and without financial compensation.

At the suggestion of Bishop Stuntz, and with the approval of the Sunday School Committee, the Secretary addressed the Board of Sunday Schools early last year, asking that a trained Sunday School worker be sent here, or, in case that was impossible, that Mr. Ryan, the Secretary for the Philippines, be allowed to divide his time between the Philippines and Malaysia. A reply was received from the Board, approving of the latter arrangement, until a man can be procured to devote all of his time to this field. The work of the Sunday School has been seriously handicapped in many centres during the past year, as in previous years, by the lack of such a trained worker, and it is recommended that further efforts be made to remedy this situation. The Sunday School Committee expresses a willingness to co-operate with other branches of the work for young people, and is in hearty accord with the suggestion that a request be made for a man to devote all of his time to young people's work in Malaysia, dividing his time between the Epworth Leagues and the Sunday Schools.

The matter of teacher training has received considerable attention in some stations, but has been much neglected in others. This is a phase of the work which cannot afford to be overlooked, either in connection with the work in English, or in the vernacular.

It is difficult to obtain Sunday School supplies without long delays, and we again request that the Publishing House endeavour to assist in furnishing supplies with despatch by stocking at Singapore such supplies as are in constant demand.

A helpful library for Sunday School workers has been started in Kuala Lumpur under the direction of Mr. Parker, through funds supplied by the Board of Sunday Schools, and it is hoped that other centres may come to realize the value of such libraries in connection with teacher training classes.

During the past few years no voice has been allowed the Sunday School Committee in the spending of the grant from the Board of Sunday Schools. It is recommended that the Sunday School Committee be given the power to use this money, and that in view of the necessity of more intensive work, which will require additional supplies and equipment, the Board be asked to raise the grant to \$500 (gold) a year.

The committee also wishes to call the attention of the Sunday Schools to the desirability of providing additional means of recreation, and programmes for special days, such as Easter, Rally Day, Decision Day and Christmas.

It is furthermore recommended that the Sunday Schools combine with the Epworth League after this year in holding an institute in which the important phases of both organizations may be taken up.

The Sunday Schools cannot be neglected without a serious loss to all of our Christian work. The church of tomorrow will be largely determined by the character of the Sunday School of today. The Sunday School workers will do well to keep this in mind, in order that the children may be trained in worship, in giving, and in service, to ensure the rapid advancement of the Kingdom of God.

Respectfully submitted,

T. W. BOWMAR,

*Sunday School Secretary.*

#### MALAYSIA CONFERENCE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

"True-hearted, whole-hearted, faithful and loyal" has been and is the spirit of our Epworth Leagues. The Leaguers this year have worked hard and there have been splendid results. Nearly all of our Chapters have street meetings regularly which have not only developed our Leaguers but have won many souls for Christ, nearly all have distributed tracts and Bibles, have regularly visited the hospitals taking flowers, tracts and sunshine, and have called in many homes. The Leagues have had Membership Manuel classes and many from these classes have come into our churches. Eight that I have talked with personally have taken the Life Covenant Pledge, "Whatever, wherever, when ever," and are planning to enter the ministry. Special evangelistic services and win my chum week, have been observed in many chapters with splendid results.

Some of our Leaguers are doing missionary work in India and other places by sending Sunday school, other supplies and personal messages and thus they are not only spreading the Gospel but widening their own vision of service. They are also packing missionary boxes to send to the Leagues in America to interest them more in our work here.

This year we have put special emphasis on the importance of preparation for special service, and now we are emphasising consecration. The chapters have contributed to the Training Schools feeling that where our hearts are there our money should be also. We expect at our Institute in Kuala Lumpur to have at least twenty young people to consecrate their lives for definite Christian service. The Leagues are doing their part to convert, train and help bring into active service the young women and men. We have young people just as consecrated, and just as ready to sacrifice as any people any where. I will give just one example. One young man, who has been supported by his rich uncle, who was converted in our League services came to me and said, "Missie what shall I do? My uncle says I must give up 'this nonsense' as he calls it or leave home. If I give up he will put me through school and

I will fall heir to his property, but I can't be a Christian and live in his home so I must get out and work for myself." We talked it over and prayed about it. He left his Uncle's home, got a position and went to work. When I saw him I said, "But what about your Cambridge work?" he said, "I have bought my books, sent for the papers and am going to study nights." This young man has had a call to the ministry and we expect him to be one of those who will enter the Training School as soon as he finishes his Cambridge. Just what will be done for this one and many others with the same consecration we leave to you. But we trust you will provide the best, for the best young people of Malaysia, and we as Leagues will do our best to fill all the place you give us.

From the statistics you can see how we are growing. We need a special Epworth League Secretary who can devote all his time to this great work. We also need your hearty co-operation, patience and prayers that this dynamic force may be directed in the right paths and may not only be the solution for filling the vacancies in this and other Conferences but may also have a large share in bringing Malaysia to Christ and Christ to Malaysia.

We trust you will not only pray for our coming Institute but that you will come and help make it a time when the call of God is definitely felt.

JENNIE DEAN,  
*Malaysia Conference Epworth League President.*

## Plan of Conference Examinations

### Rules of the Examining Board.

1. The Registrar shall have general charge of the work, with power to provide for all exigencies, and to decide all matters relating to certificates of credit in the interim of the Conference. He shall make all reports of examinations to the Conference.
2. Examinations shall take place on the two week days prior to the opening of the Annual Conference.
3. Examinations shall be in writing as far as practicable.
4. Seventy per cent. must be obtained in each subject in order to obtain a pass.
5. Throughout the entire course the student shall present written statements as to whether he has or has not given each book "To be Read" a complete and careful reading.
6. All prepared written work must be presented on or before the day of examination.
7. All sermons, essays, and exercises shall be marked "Satisfactory" or "Not satisfactory."
8. Mid-year examinations may be taken in any work on the course.
9. When an Asiatic is being examined by an Asiatic examiner in a vernacular a missionary appointed by the Chairman shall be associated with the Asiatic examiner.
10. Applicants for Admission on Trial should communicate with the Chairman of the Examining Board as early as possible in the Conference year.
11. Certificates from the Jean Hamilton Training School will be accepted as provided by the Discipline, ¶ 597, § 1.
12. The following Examiners will prepare questions on the books prescribed for Travelling Preachers. Candidates desiring examination on books not herein provided for should communicate with the Registrar of the Board of Examiners, Rev. F. H. Sullivan, Oldham Hall, Singapore, S. S.



<i>Admission on Trial</i> :—Malaysia Preacher's Manual	W. T. Cherry.
Life of John Wesley .. .. .	J. M. Hoover.
Plain Account of Christian Perfection .. .. .	F. H. Sullivan.
Paper on an assigned Biblical subject .. .. .	G. F. Pykett.
<i>First Year</i> :—Discipline, Parts 1 to 3 .. .. .	W. T. Cherry.
New Testament History .. .. .	F. H. Sullivan.
The Making of the Sermon .. .. .	J. S. Nagle.
<i>Second Year</i> :—Discipline, Parts 4 to 6 .. .. .	W. T. Cherry.
The Bible in the Making } .. .. .	W. E. Horley.
Dictionary of the Bible } .. .. .	
A Short History of the Christian Church .. .. .	G. F. Pykett.
<i>Third Year</i> :—Beacon Lights of Prophecy .. .. .	F. H. Sullivan.
Foundations of Christian Belief .. .. .	J. S. Nagle.
Comparative Religion .. .. .	J. M. Hoover.
<i>Fourth Year</i> :—System of Christian Doctrine .. .. .	J. S. Nagle.
Everyday Ethics .. .. .	W. E. Horley.

**Vernacular Examinations.**

The Examiners will arrange for Vernacular Examinations as follows, and their certificates only will be accepted unless otherwise authorised by the Chairman of the Board of Examiners.

Malay .. .. .	W. G. Shellabear, <sup>Hoover</sup> G. F. Pykett, W. T. Cherry
Tamil .. .. .	Y. J. Jesudasen.
Hokkien Chinese .. .. .	G. F. Pykett, Lim Hong Ban.
Hakka Chinese .. .. .	W. E. Horley.
Foochow Chinese .. .. .	J. M. Hoover, Lim Poh Chin.
Cantonese Chinese .. .. .	Lau Yip Heng, W. E. Horley.

NOTICE TO CANDIDATES.—The Publishing House can usually supply from stock in Singapore, but does not guarantee to have on hand at any time, all the books on the Course of Study, as there is practically no sale for same except to ministers pursuing the course, and their needs are too uncertain to be readily foreseen. You will therefore prevent disappointment by ordering, as far ahead as possible, the books you require, and these will be supplied by the Publishing House in Singapore at the net price to preachers as allowed by the New York Book Concern, plus the postage. The Publishing Agent will be glad to give information in response to inquiries at any time.

## COURSES OF STUDY.

### I. ENGLISH.

English Studies Required of Travelling Preachers who take a Vernacular Course concurrently.

\* *The written work prescribed in Directions and Helps will be required only on those books marked with the asterisk.*

*The privileges of this course, as regards abridgment, are not to be extended to any who do not at the same time pass the examination in a year of vernacular,† and no candidate who is conditioned on more than two English or two vernacular subjects, nor in more than three subjects altogether, shall be advanced to the studies of the next year. Candidates for Admission on Trial or into Full Membership are expected to first pass up all conditions.*

The Malaysia Preacher's Manual, *Cherry*. Life of John Wesley, *Winchester*. \*Plain Account of Christian Perfection, *Wesley*. Paper on an assigned Biblical subject. Directions and Helps.

*To be read.*—How to Study and Teaching How to Study, *McMurray*.

#### FIRST YEAR.

Discipline, Parts 1 to 3. \*New Testament History, *Rall*. The Making of the Sermon, *Pattison*. Directions and Helps.

*To be read.*—Individual Work for Individuals, *Trumbull*. Winning the Fight Against Drink, *Eaton*. The Graded Sunday School in Principle and Practice, *Meyer*.

#### SECOND YEAR.

Discipline, Parts 4 to 6. Dictionary of the Bible, *Hastings*. The Bible in the Making, *Smyth*. \*A Short History of the Christian Church, *Moncrief*. Directions and Helps.

*To be read.*—The Christian View of the Old Testament, *Eiselen*. History of Methodism (Vol. I), *Stevens*. How We Got Our Bible, *Smyth*. The Pupil and the Teacher, *Weigle*.

#### THIRD YEAR.

\*Beacon Lights of Prophecy, *Knudson*. Foundations of Christian Belief, *Strickland*. Introduction to the Study of Comparative Religion, *Jevons*. Directions and Helps.

*To be read.*—Discipline, Parts 7 to 9. Studies in Christianity, *Bowne*. History of Methodism (Vol. II), *Stevens*.

#### FOURTH YEAR.

\*System of Christian Doctrine, (Parts II-V), *Sheldon*. Everyday Ethics, *Cabot*. Directions and Helps.

*To be read.*—Paul and His Epistles, *Hayes*. History of Methodism (Vol. III), *Stevens*.

† i.e. any year of vernacular—not necessarily the first year vernacular with the first year of English, second with second, and so on. For example, a candidate for admission on trial may take, together with his English studies for admission, the first, second, third, or fourth year of any vernacular course.

Course of Study for Asiatic Travelling Preachers Who Take an  
English Course.

ADMISSION ON TRIAL.

The Art of Writing English, *Brown and Barnes*. English History. The Malaysia Preacher's Manual, *Cherry*. Life of John Wesley, *Winchester*. Christian Perfection, *Wesley*. Paper on an assigned Biblical subject. Written sermon. Directions and Helps.

FIRST YEAR.

New Testament History, *Rall*. The Making of the Sermon, *Pattison*. How to Study and Teaching How to Study, *McMurray*. Directions and Helps.  
*To be read.*—Public Worship, *Hoyt*. Individual Work for Individuals, *Trumbull*. The Pastor-Preacher, *Quayle*. Winning the Fight Against Drink, *Eaton*. The Church School, *Athearn*.

SECOND YEAR.

Discipline, Parts 1 to 5. Dictionary of the Bible (I Vol. Ed.), *Hastings*. The Bible in the Making, *Smyth*, or How We Got Our Bible, *Smyth*. History of the Christian Church, *Moncrief*. The Graded Sunday School in Principle and Practice, *Meyer*. Directions and Helps.  
*To be read.*—The Christian View of the Old Testament, *Eiselen*. The Preacher, His Life and Work, *Jowett*. History of Methodism (Vol. I), *Stevens*. The Pupil and the Teacher, *Weigle*.

THIRD YEAR.

Discipline, Parts 6 to 9. Beacon Lights of Prophecy, *Knudson*. Foundations of Christian Belief, *Strickland*. Introduction to the Study of Comparative Religion, *Jevons*. Directions and Helps.  
*To be read.*—Studies in Christianity, *Bowne*. The Fact of Christ, *Simpson*. Christianity and the Social Crisis, *Rauschenbusch*. History of Methodism (Vol. II), *Stevens*.

FOURTH YEAR.

Paul and His Epistles, *Hayes*. Christianity in Doctrine and Experience, *Buck*. Everyday Ethics, *Cabot*. Directions and Helps.  
*To be read.*—Social Aspects of Foreign Missions, *Faunce*. Historical Geography of the Holy Land, *Smith*. The Minister as Shepherd, *Jefferson*. The Church a Community Force, *Tippy*. History of Methodism (Vol. III), *Stevens*.

Course of Study for Local Preachers who take an  
English Course.

FIRST YEAR.

Life of Christ, *Stalker*. Malaysia Preacher's Manual, *Cherry*.  
*To be read.*—The Making of the Bible, *Vernon*. Religious Education in the Home, *Folsom*. Tongue of Fire, *Arthur*.

SECOND YEAR.

Discipline, Parts 1 to 5. Life of St. Paul, *Stalker*. The Church School, *Athearn*.  
*To be read.*—John Wesley, the Methodist. Everyday Evangelism, *Leete*. Variety in the Prayer Meeting, *Ward*.

THIRD YEAR.

Discipline, Parts 6 to 9. Landmarks of Church History, *Cowan*.  
*To be read.* Prophecy and the Prophets, *Eiselen*. The meaning of Prayer, *Fosdick*. The Students of Asia, *Eddy*.

## FOURTH YEAR.

One Thousand Questions on Methodism, *Wheeler*. The Work of Preaching, *Hoyt*. *To be read.*—The Social Creed of the Churches, *Ward*. The Call of the World, *Doughty*. Laymen in Action, *Quayle*. Francis Asbury, *Tipple*.

## II. MALAY.

## Course of Malay Study for Missionaries.

## FIRST YEAR.

Practical Malay Grammar. The Straits Dialogues. Malay Methodist Hymnal, Hymns 1 to 50. Gospel of Matthew Chapters 1-14 (Singapore Revision Committee's version). Lpas deri Kbinasa'an, Chapters 1-10. Triglot Vocabulary. A short composition to be written before the examiner.  
*To be read.*—Mohammedan Objections to Christianity. Malaysia Preacher's Manual.

## SECOND YEAR.

Plajaran Deri-hal Isa Almaseh, lessons 1-26. Discipline of M. E. Church in Malay. Hikayat Yusof (Arabic character). Gospel of Mark (Arabic character). Playeran Abdullah (Romanised). A short essay in the Roman character. Copy writing in the Arabic character.  
*To be read.*—Rodwell's Koran. The Three Religions of China, *Soothill*.

## THIRD YEAR.

Hikayat Abdullah, Part I. (Romanised). Sjarah Mlayu, Part I. (Romanised). The Gospel of John, and Epistle to the Romans (Arabic character). Hikayat Bni Isra'el. A composition in Arabic character, 500 words.  
*To be read.*—The Progress and Arrest of Islam in Sumatra, or, The Malay Peninsula, *Wright and Reid*.

## FOURTH YEAR.

Kitab Kiliran Budi (Proverbs 1-705). Hikayat Abdullah, Part II. (Arabic character). Genesis and Psalms 1 to 50 (Arabic character). Utusan Malayu, July to December (Leading Articles). A sermon to be written in Arabic character.  
*To be read.*—Islam, *Zwemer*. The Moslem Doctrine of God, *Zwemer*.

## III. CHINESE.

## Course of Study in Hokkien Chinese for Missionaries.

## FIRST YEAR.

1. Lek-sī-ka ê tai-chì (Jessica's First Prayer).
2. Ma-khó Hok-im Toān (Gospel of Mark).
3. Lessons in the Amoy Vernacular, 1-16.
4. Conversation with a Chinese before the examiners.  
*To be Read.*—The Three Religions of China, *Soothill*.

## SECOND YEAR.

1. Thien-lō lèk-thêng, Siōng-koàn (Pilgrim's Progress, Part I).
2. Iok-hān Hok-im toān (John's Gospel).
3. Lessons in the Amoy Vernacular, 17-30.
4. Biāu-Chiok hūn-tap (Conversation with a Temple Keeper).
5. Lūn-gú, Siōng-koàn (Analects, Part I, romanised).
6. Conduct a service in regular form, including a short address.  
First Chinese Reader (Jī-lūi Jip-būn) may be substituted for (4).



## THIRD YEAR.

1. Thien-lō· lēk-thêng, Hā-koàn (Pilgrim's Progress, Part II).
2. Matthew, Luke and Acts, and Psalms 1 to 72, (Romanised).
3. Tiōng-kok Kōng-kàm (History of China, romanised).
4. Lūn-gú, Hā-koàn (Analects, Part II, romanised).
5. Sermon to be preached before the examiners.

The Gospel of John in character, and the second Chinese Reader, may be substituted for (2) and (4) respectively.

## FOURTH YEAR.

1. The Epistles and Revelation, and Psalms 73 to 150 (Romanised).
2. Kàu-hōe sú-liók (Church History, romanised, New Testament).
3. Pít Siâ Kui Chèng (romanised).
4. Pō̍-tō Lūn (romanised).
5. Lūn Ngó·-siōng (romanised).
6. Tāi-hák, Tiōng-iōng (The Great Learning and Doctrine of the Mean, romanised).
7. Written sermon of not less than 1000 words, romanised).

The Acts of the Apostles in character may be substituted for (1), the Third Chinese Reader for (4), and the Great Learning in character for (5).

**Course of Study in Hakka Chinese for Missionaries.**

Candidates should communicate with the Chairman of the Board of Examiners.

**Course of Study for Chinese Travelling Preachers, Local Preachers, and Exhorters.**

The Courses of Study published in the Official Minutes of the Central Conference of Eastern Asia, pp. 114-122, are prescribed in full.

## IV. TAMIL.

**Course of Study for Missionaries.**

Candidates should communicate with the Chairman of the Board of Examiners.

**Course of Study for Tamil Travelling Preachers.**

The English Course of Study for Asiatic Travelling Preachers is prescribed, but an equivalent in Tamil will be accepted for any part thereof, and the examination may be in Tamil.

**Course of Study for Tamil Local Preachers.**

The English Course of Study for Local Preachers is prescribed, but an equivalent in Tamil will be accepted for any part thereof, and the examination may be in Tamil.

**Course of Study for Tamil Exhorters.**

## FIRST YEAR.

Scripture Lessons C. V. E. S., Part II. Catechism of the M. E. Church, No. II. Discipline of the M. E. Church, Part I. Chap. I. Manual of Grammar (M. Venkata Swamy Ayer), pp. 1 to 46. The Gospel of Matthew.\*  
*To be read.*—The Gospel of Mark. The Epistle to the Romans. Psalms, Book II (Psalm 42 and 72).

Memoriter: Psalms 46 and 51, and Romans 8.

## SECOND YEAR.

Scripture Lessons (with Teachers notes) C. V. E. S., pp. 1-81. Catechism of the M. E. Church, No. III. Discipline of the M. E. Church, Part I, chaps. 2 and 3. Manual of Grammar, pp. 47-120. Gospel of John.\*  
*To be read.*—The Gospel of Luke, I and II Corinthians. Psalms, Book III (Psalms 73 to 89).  
 Memoriter: I Cor. 15: 35-58 and Psalm 84.

## THIRD YEAR.

Nast's Larger Scripture Catechism, 1st half. Discipline of M. E. Church, Part I, Chap. 4 and 5. Scripture Lessons, pp. 82-167. Manual of Grammar, pp. 121-178. Rise and Progress of Methodism, 1st half. Acts of the Apostles.\*  
*To be read.*—Galatians to Philemon. Psalms, Book IV (Psalm 90-106).  
 Memoriter: Psalms 90, 91 and 103.

## FOURTH YEAR.

Nast's Larger Scripture Catechism, 2nd half. Discipline of the M. E. Church, Part II, Chaps. 5-8. Manual of Grammar—Review. Rise and Progress of Methodism, 2nd half. Review of the Catechetical studies of the preceding year. Scripture:—Review of Matthew, John and Acts.  
*To be read.*—Hebrews to Revelation. Psalms, Book V (Psalms 107-150).  
 Memoriter: Psalms 116, 121, 122, 125, 126 and 133.

## Roll of the Dead.\*

Name.	Age.	Place of Death.	Date of Death.	Birth place.	Admitted on Trial.	Joined Malaysia Conference.
1. Lau Seng Chong ..	—	China ..	May 20, 1902	China ...	1899	1899
2. Job Gnanasiamoney	—	—	1910	India ...	1909	1909
3. Denis M. Toomey ..	43	Singapore	Feb. 17, 1916	Cork, Ir'd	1914	1914
4. Samuel Abraham ..	58	Malacca	1918	Jaffna ...	1900	1900

\* The Conference Secretary will be grateful to any person who will furnish the necessary information to complete this record.

## Conference Sessions.

	Year.	Date.	Place.	Presiding Bishop.	Secretary.
1	1893	April 1— 5	Singapore	J. M. Thoburn	B. F. West
2	1894	Feb. 2— 5	do.	J. M. Thoburn	W. H. B. Urch
3	1895	Feb. 14—20	do.	J. M. Thoburn	B. F. West
4	1896	Feb. 14—19	do.	J. M. Thoburn	W. G. Shellabear
5	1897	Feb. 10—15	Penang	J. M. Thoburn	F. H. Morgan
6	1898	Feb. 15—17	Singapore	{ C. D. Foss J. M. Thoburn	F. H. Morgan
7	1899	Feb. 9—14	Penang	J. M. Thoburn	F. H. Morgan
8	1900	Feb. 17—22	Singapore	J. M. Thoburn	F. H. Morgan
9	1901	Feb. 21—27	do.	F. W. Warne	H. L. E. Luering
10	1902	Feb. 21—27	do.	F. W. Warne	J. R. Denyes
11	1903	Feb. 11—16	do.	F. W. Warne	J. R. Denyes
12	1904	Feb. 24—29	do.	J. M. Thoburn	W. T. Cherry
13	1905	Feb. 15—20	Kuala Lumpur	W. F. Oldham	W. T. Cherry
14	1906	Jan. 29—Feb. 2	Singapore	W. F. Oldham	W. G. Shellabear
15	1907	Feb. 20—24	Penang	{ J. N. Fitzgerald W. F. Oldham	W. G. Shellabear
16	1907	Dec. 13—18	Singapore	W. F. Oldham	W. G. Shellabear
17	1909	Feb. 5— 9	do.	W. F. Oldham	G. C. Cobb
18	1910	Feb. 5—10	do.	W. F. Oldham	G. C. Cobb
19	1911	Feb. 11—18	do.	{ W. F. McDowell W. F. Oldham	W. E. Horley
20	1912	Feb. 15—20	Kuala Lumpur	W. F. Oldham	A. J. Amery
21	1913	Feb. 13—19	Singapore	J. E. Robinson	W. E. Horley
22	1914	Jan. 10—16	do.	J. E. Robinson	R. L. Archer
23	1915	Feb. 14—20	do.	W. P. Eveland	R. L. Archer
24	1916	Jan. 1— 6	do.	W. P. Eveland	L. Oechsli
25	1917	Feb. 1— 7	do.	J. E. Robinson	L. Oechsli
26	1918	Feb. 14—20	do.	{ William Burt J. E. Robinson	T. C. Maxwell
27	1919	Feb. 7—12	do.	{ Homer C. Stuntz J. W. Robinson	R. H. Silverthorn
28	1920	Feb. 19—23	do.	J. W. Robinson	R. H. Silverthorn



NAME OF STATION.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.										CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.										SUNDAY SCHOOLS.									
	Pastor.	Paid by Board including rent.	Paid Locally including rent.	Rental value of Parsonage per annum.	Bishops		Dist. Supp.	Conf. Claim.	No. of Local Preachers.			BAPTISMS.			MEMBERS.			Sunday Schools.	Total Enrolment (Cols. 26, 27, 29, and 30).	Officers and Teachers.	Average Attendance (of Cols. 26 and 27).	Cradle Roll.	Home Department.	Collections not reported elsewhere.						
					Claim.	Paid Locally.			Salaries.	Unsalaries.	Adults Baptised this year.	Children Baptised this year.	*Under Instruction for Membership.	†Not under Instruction.	Now on the Roll.	Preparatory Members.	Full Members on Roll.								Non-Resident Members (Disc. 158).	Total Members (Cols. 19, 20 and 21).	Deaths during year.			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<b>F. M. S. District.</b>																														
Ipoh, English	600	600	720							\$													2	168	8	160	75			
Chinese		300	540							\$													1	58	3	55	50			
Tamil	1140	180	960								967												1	1						
Kampar, Chinese	420	240	180								180												1	61	5	56	61			
Tamil																							1							
Tanjong Rambutan, Chinese	420	20	400	120							400												1	5	1	4	4			
Tronoh, Chinese	960	720	240	396							240												1	21	1	20	18			
Taipeng, Chinese	460	180	249	60							249												1	67	7	55	62	5		
Tamil	600	240	360								364												1	40	2	38	20			
Sitiawan, Foochow	1274		1274	240							279												1	4	331	12	278	170		
Kuching Chinese	2160		2160								2160												1	26	8	230	130	20	30	
Tamil	750	315	435	120							435												1	9	1	8	6			
Telok Anson, Chinese	565	390	46								46												1	1	9	1	8			
Telok Town, Tamil	41		41								41												1	67	7	60	45			
Bagan Dato Circuit, Tamil	141		141								141												1	1						
Telok Anson Circuit, Tamil	240	180	60								60												1	1	9	1	8			
Sungei Siput, Tamil	409		400								539												1	67	7	60	45			
Kuala Lumpur, English											141												1							
Hokkien Chinese	409		400								60												1							
Hinghua Chinese	577	420	157	240							410												2	110	14	96	76			
Tamil	1800	180	1620								161												1	28	3	25	15			
Ampang, Hinghua	222		222								224												2	108	21	69	90	18		
Tanjong Malim, Hinghua	480		480								485												1							
Kajang, Hakka	159	15	144	54							144												1	14	1	13	11			
Pusing, Chinese	900	540	240								249												2	110	7	66	56	18	19	
Klang, Hokkien	900	600	235								236												1	44	2	21	15			
Tamil Circuit			156								156												1	7						
Port Swettenham, Hokkien			72								72												1	4	2	21	15			
Sungei Bujai, Foochow																							1							
Seremban, English	880	300	580	240							600												1	65	5	60	43			
Hokkien											600												1	58	3	55	35			

Collections are stated in Straits Dollars.

NAME OF STATION.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.										CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.						SUNDAY SCHOOLS.																					
	Pastor.		Bishops		Distr. Supt.		Conf. Claim.		No. of Local Preachers.		BAPTISMS.			MEMBERS.			SUNDAY SCHOOLS.																					
	Total claim with house rent.	Paid by Board including rent.	Paid Locally including rent.	Rental value of Parsonage per annum.	Claim.	Paid Locally.	Claim.	Paid Locally.	Unstarred.	Starred.	Adults Baptised this year.	Children Baptised this year.	*Under Instruction for Membership.	*Not under Instruction.	Enrolled this year.	Now on the Roll.	Preparatory Members.	Full Members on Roll.	Non-Resident Members.	Total Members (Cols. 19, 20 and 21).	Deaths during year.	Sunday Schools.	Total Enrolment (Cols. 26, 27, 29, and 30).	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all Grades.	Average Attendance (of Cols. 26 and 27).	Grade Roll.	Home Department.	Collections not reported elsewhere.									
<b>F. M. S. District. (Contd.)</b>																																						
<i>Tamil</i>																																						
<i>Pasir Panjang</i>																																						
<i>Malacca, English</i>																																						
<i>Chinese</i>																																						
<i>Bukit Asahan, Tamil</i>																																						
Totals 1919	17365	5395	12900	2730	39	14	61	13014	22	36	212	176	525	575	987	1107	1431	74	2612	44	31	1956	142	1605	1161	98	111	1385										
Totals 1918	14596	4406	10190	3780	49	240	457	10742	14	38	121	208	402	353	615	970	1224	25	2219	62	23	1487	111	1329	1015	47	..	1652										
Increase	2769	989	2710				14	2272	8		91		123	222	372	137	207	49	393		8	469	31	276	146	51	111											
Decrease				1050	10	240	443			2										18																		
<b>Penang District.</b>																																						
<i>Penang, English</i>																																						
<i>Chinese</i>																																						
<i>Tamil</i>																																						
<i>Anglo-Chinese School</i>																																						
<i>Ayer Itam</i>																																						
<i>Bukit Mertajam, Tamil</i>																																						
<i>Kulim, Chinese</i>																																						
<i>Nibong Tebal, Tamil</i>																																						
<i>Part Buntar, Tamil</i>																																						
<i>Sungei Patani, Tamil</i>																																						
<i>Sungei Patani, Chinese</i>																																						
Totals 1919	1560	822	1192	1380	33	5	90	1320	4	5	28	30	77	98	46	108	264	26	398	6	7	671	47	569	412	55	..	246										
Totals 1918	2264	621	1743	1080	55	5	70	1873	2	9	30	27	56	94	52	136	250	24	410	8	11	1004	59	885	531	55	..	323										
Increase				300			20																															
Decrease	704		551		22			553		4	2				6	28				12	2	4	333	12	316	119		..	77									

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NAME OF STATION.	EPWORTH LEAGUE.			CHURCH PROPERTY.						BENEVOLENCES, DISCIPLINARY.						Other Benevolences.		Total Amount Raised Locally for all Purposes (Add columns 11, 31, 34, 39, 40, 42, 43, 49, 50).				
	Senior Members.	Junior Members.	Collections not reported elsewhere.	Church Buildings.		Parsonage.	Estimated Value.	Parsonage.	Estimated Value.	Received for Buildings & Improvement to Churches and Parsonages.		Paid on Old Debt.	Present Debt.	Received for Current Expenses (including interest).	General Conference Expenses Paid this Year.	School.	Women's Training School.		Preachers' Training Sunday School.	Church.	British & Foreign Bible Society.	Total Disciplinary Collections.
				Church Buildings.	Estimated Value.					Received for Buildings & Improvement to Churches and Parsonages.	Estimated Value.											
<b>F. M. S. District.</b>	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	
Ipoh, English ..	52	36	1	1	11000	1	5000	..	133	..	208	..	10	..	10	10	14	44	..	1021	..	
Chinese ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	209	..	15	..	15	10	..	30	..	824	..	
Tamil ..	..	..	..	..	1500	1	1500	..	..	..	462	..	10	..	3	2	3	18	..	1447	..	
Kampar, Chinese ..	..	..	1	1	10000	2	10000	3000	..	4500	..	..	..	5	20	20	5	50	..	3344	..	
Tamil ..	..	..	..	..	1000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Tanjong Rambutan, Chinese ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	416	..	
Tronoh, Chinese ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	158	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	406	..	
Taipeng, Chinese ..	20	..	1	1	2000	1	250	..	..	..	180	3	3	..	12	12	..	27	20	519	..	
Tamil ..	..	..	..	..	1000	1	1500	..	..	..	135	..	5	..	2	2	2	11	..	528	..	
Sitiawan, Fochow ..	..	..	1	1	1000	1	1500	..	..	..	56	..	5	..	15	40	..	20	..	1380	58	
Kuching Chinese ..	20	..	1	1	2500	..	500	..	195	615	432	..	..	..	60	10	..	100	80	2481	2893	
Tamil ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	10	..	25	..	1087	125	
Telok Anson, Chinese ..	77	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	5	3	..	13	4	807	..	
Telok Town, Tamil ..	..	154	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	141	..	
Bagan Dato Circuit, Tamil ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	41	..	
Telok Anson Circuit, Tamil ..	..	..	..	..	300	..	..	..	..	..	22	..	3	..	3	3	3	12	..	94	..	
Sungei Siput, Tamil ..	92	56	187	1	30000	1	7000	..	..	..	341	6	26	..	219	10	10	265	..	1388	..	
Kuala Lumpur, English ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	6	6	22	..	181	..	
Hokkieu Chinese ..	..	..	..	..	6500	..	..	..	..	..	23	..	..	..	31	3	3	9	..	193	..	
Hinghwa Chinese ..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	13	139	..	1175	..	10	13	229	..	6	258	5	3631	..	
Tamil ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	707	..	
Ampang, Hinghwa ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	430	..	..	49	1	..	..	1	1	1	3	..	1798	..	
Tanjong Malim, Hinghwa ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1080	..	..	222	2	..	..	3	3	3	9	..	12	..	
Kajang, Hakka ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	2	2	2	6	..	176	..	
Pusing, Chinese ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	638	..	
Klang, Hokkien ..	..	..	..	1	2000	1	600	180	..	..	200	..	3	..	3	3	..	9	..	240	..	
Tamil Circuit ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	342	..	
Port Swettenham, Hokkien ..	..	..	..	1	4500	1	1500	93	..	..	87	..	1	..	1	1	1	4	..	150	..	
Sungei Binjai, Fochow ..	..	..	..	1	200	..	..	40	..	..	142	6	6	..	..	..	..	6	..	239	..	
Seremban, English ..	20	35	16	..	..	..	..	9000	..	..	412	10	14	..	9	7	14	38	..	10197	..	
Hokkien ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	14	14	56	11	33	..	
Tamil ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	99	..	3	..	3	3	4	13	..	112	..	
Pasir Panjang ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	

Collections are stated in Straits Dollars





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NAME OF STATION.	EPWORTH LEAGUE.			CHURCH PROPERTY.					DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES.							Total Amount Raised Locally for all Purposes (Add columns 11, 31, 34, 39, 40, 42, 43, 49, 50).	Other Local Receipts.				
	Senior Members.	Junior Members.	Collectors not reported elsewhere.	Church Buildings.	Estimated Value.	Parsonage.	Estimated Value.	Received for Buildings & Improvement to Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on Old Debt.	Present Debt.	Received for (current expenses (including interest).	General Conference Expenses Paid this year.	School.	Women's Training School.	Preachers' Training Sunday School.			Church.	British & Foreign Bible Society.	Total Disciplinary Collections.	Other Benevolences.
<b>S'pore Dist. (Contd.)</b>																					
Chinese, Foochow ..	178	313	4	40300	2	7600	9433	422	63	3690	35	154	129	1502	138	69	1992	1508	22702	128	
Chinese, Hinghua ..	176	110	4	40300	2	7600	5418	96	585	3189	32	141	135	1220	117	91	1704	3016	20614	108	
Chinese, Hakka ..	2	203					4015	326		501	3	13		282	21		288		2088	20	
Chinese, Cantonese ..														6					1508		
Oldham Hall ..																					
Anglo-Chinese School ..																					
Methodist Girls' School ..																					
Fairfield Girls' School ..																					
Nind Home ..																					
Publishing House ..																					
Totals 1919 ..	178	313	4	40300	2	7600	9433	422	63	3690	35	154	129	1502	138	69	1992	1508	22702	128	
Totals 1918 ..	176	110	4	40300	2	7600	5418	96	585	3189	32	141	135	1220	117	91	1704	3016	20614	108	
Increase ..	2	203					4015	326		501	3	13		282	21		288		2088	20	
Decrease ..																					
<b>Conference Totals.</b>																					
F. M. S. District ..	339	123	393	81000	9	27850	14444	487	5115	4937	36	206	33	738	158	97	1232	174	36102	3076	
Penang District ..	140	252	2	28500	3	12000	927		2831	1478	20	78	10	96	45	45	274	145	4662	900	
Sarawak District ..	86	46	16	6900	6	10900	1350			24		129		8			137		3748	4954	
Singapore District ..	178	313	4	40300	2	7600	9433	422	63	3690	35	154	129	1502	138	69	1992	1508	22702	128	
Conference Totals 1919 ..	743	169	974	33	156700	20	58350	26154	909	8009	10129	91	567	172	2344	341	211	3635	1827	67214	9058
Conference Totals, 1918 ..	639	111	261	27	149150	27	47370	9718	1450	7210	6981	48	380	192	1895	259	216	2942	4074	47683	910
Increase ..	104	58	713	6	7550		10980	16436		799	3148	43	187		449	82		693	19531	8148	
Decrease ..						7		541					20				5		2247		

Collections are stated in Straits Dollars (\$1 equals 58 cts. U. S.)





NAME OF STATION.	D A Y S C H O O L S											BOARDING SCHOOLS.												
	PROPERTY. (1)				AVERAGE MONTHLY ENROLLMENT.				AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE.			RECEIPTS.				No. of Schools.								
	Buildings.	Probable Value of Buildings.	Probable Value of Land. (2)	Teachers.	Commercial.	(Ambidge.)	Higher Elementary.	Lower Elementary.	Total Enrollment.	Commercial.	(Ambidge.)	Higher Elementary.	Lower Elementary.	Total Attendance.	Total Expenditure.	Fees.	Grant in aid.	Other Sources.	TOTAL.	No. of Schools.	Probable Value of Buildings.	Probable Value of Land. (2)	Average No. of Boarders.	
Bukit Tambun	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sungei Patani	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals 1919	7 10	152200	60500	100	98	562	1497	2157	93	671	1378	2002	131467	66974	35889	27311	105594	3	80000	23000	785	85	85	
Totals 1918	11 9	118525	500	91	108	548	1661	2317	100	516	1517	2133	122089	63734	29063	4930	97717	3	50000	10000	107	107	107	
Increase	..	1 33675	60000	9	..	14	..	..	..	155	..	..	9378	3250	6826	..	7877	..	30000	13000	..	..	..	
Decrease	4	..	..	..	10	..	164	160	7	..	139	131	..	..	..	2199	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	
<b>Singapore District.</b>																								
Singapore, Anglo-Chinese School	1	55000	..	5834	72	430	1175	1711	31	67	416	1145	1659	118199	63313	30965	880	95158	..	..	..	..	..	..
Serangoon English School	1	..	..	7	..	206	206	..	..	..	199	199	7415	4812	1453	..	6265	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Gelang English School	1	2200	..	6	..	147	147	..	..	..	139	139	8329	4899	1719	279	6897	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paya Lebar English School	1	2000	..	2	..	59	59	..	..	..	57	57	8875	1398	494	1892	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Short Street Girls' School	1	10500	2000	17	9	72	366	447	8	68	338	414	19378	11444	6917	1017	19378	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fairfield Girls' School	1	30000	..	12	..	18	330	348	..	17	299	316	16908	9958	4432	2518	16908	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nind Home (Girls)	1	..	..	3	..	65	65	..	..	..	45	45	..	4145	..	1560	5705	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Oldham Hall (Boys)	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
J. H. Training School	1	..	..	2	3	..	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
B. W. Training School	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kallang Malay Girls' School	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunlop St. M. Girls' School	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals 1919	10 6	97500	16200	11134	84	520	2378	3016	31	78	501	2230	2860	179104	99969	45486	6748	152203	4	59200	63000	237	237	
Totals 1918	11 6	97500	16200	11029	77	521	2109	2936	27	72	501	2139	2761	145898	82318	37921	4994	125233	4	59200	63000	215	215	
Increase	..	..	..	1	5	7	269	80	4	6	..	91	99	33206	17651	7565	1754	26970	..	..	..	..	..	..
Decrease	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Conference Totals</b>																								
F. M. S. District	17 20	319300	136000	130	..	532	2027	2845	..	67	536	1997	2691	165249	71246	39674	15197	126117	4	46000	60000	134	134	
Penang District	7 10	152200	60500	100	98	562	1497	2157	..	93	671	1378	2002	131467	66974	35889	2731	105594	3	80000	23000	85	85	
Singapore District	10 6	97500	16200	11134	84	520	2378	3016	31	78	501	2230	2860	179104	99969	45486	6748	152203	4	59200	63000	237	237	
Conference Totals 1919	34 36	569000	212700	34134	254	1614	5902	8018	31	238	1708	5625	7553	475820	238189	121049	24676	383914	11	185200	146000	456	456	
Conference Totals 1918	47 44	465525	90700	33829	244	1621	6452	8346	27	226	1524	5897	7678	402713	214817	103826	34017	352461	13	156200	73000	522	522	
Increase	..	..	103475	122000	3	5	10	..	4	12	184	..	..	73107	23372	17423	..	31453	..	29000	73000	..	..	
Decrease	13 8	..	..	..	7	550	328	..	..	..	272	125	..	..	9341	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	







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Arrived on field.	NAME.	Home Address.	In what year of Vernacular Studies.							
			Malay.	Tamil.	Dutch.	Chinese.				
						Hok-kien.	Foochow.	Hakka.	Cantonese.	Hinghua.
	<i>Asiatic</i>	<i>Workers.*</i>								
1900	Mrs. S. Abraham, ..	Ceylon, .. ..		p						
1905	Mrs. Kong Iau Siong,	China. .. ..						p		
1907	Mrs. Lau Yip Heng, ..	China. .. ..						p		
1908	Mrs. Tai Po Ting, ..	China. .. ..					p			
1909	Mrs. Y. J. Jesudasen,	India. .. ..		p						
1910	Mrs. U Daik Nang, ..	China. .. ..					p			
1912	Mrs. E. Isaac, ..	India. .. ..		p						
1913	Mrs. Lim Po Chin, ..	China. .. ..				p	p			p
1914	Mrs. Devasahayam, ..	India. .. ..		p						
1914	Mrs. Deng Ping Deng,	China. .. ..								p
1914	Mrs. Supramaniam, ..	Ceylon. .. ..		p						
1916	Mrs. Lim Hong Ban,	China. .. ..								p
	<i>Missionary</i>	<i>Teachers.</i>								
1908	Nettie I. Moore, ..	Chicago, Ill. ..	2							
1911	Mrs. Anna A. Zinn, ..	San Diego, Cal. ..								
1911	Emma Olson ..	Viroqua, Wis. ..								
1912	Ruth E. Atkins, ..	Elk River, Minn. ..	3			1				
1914	Ada Wagy, ..	Minneapolis, Minn. ..	2							
1914	Bessie Steele, ..	Auburn, N. Y. ..								
1915	Norma Keck, ..	Piteairn, N. Y. ..								
1916	Mrs. Voke, ..	Ada, Ohio. ..								
1916	Ida G. Wescott, ..	Chillicothe, Ill. ..	2							
1916	Clare Norton, ..	Napa, Cal. ..	2							
1917	Jennie Shilling, ..	Bloomington, Ill. ..								
1918	Frances E. Akerstrom,	New York, N. Y. ..								
1918	Stella E. Cass, ..	Nichols, N. Y. ..								
1918	Irene Chapman, ..	Faribault, Minn. ..								
1918	Della Olson, ..	Viroqua, Wis. ..								
1919	Miss Cary ..	Baltimore, Md. ..								
1919	Miss Elliott ..									
1919	Miss Chennoworth ..	Baltimore, Md. ..								

\*Wives of Asiatic Members of Conference are marked p in the native language they speak.

## Committees.

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### Finance Committee.

Miss Blackmore, Miss Craven, Miss Marsh, Miss Mary Olson,  
Miss Atkins, Miss Jackson.

### Field Property Committee.

Miss Blackmore, Mrs. Little, Miss Nelson, Miss Mary E. Olson,  
Miss Marsh.

### Board of Education.

Same as for Annual Conference (see page 296).

### School Finance Committees.

*Penang*:—District Superintendent, Mr. G. L. Logan, Miss Craven.

*Singapore*:—District Superintendent, Principal A. C. S., Miss Nelson,  
Miss Blackmore, Cheng Chang Lok, Dr. Chen Su Lan.

*Taipeng*:—District Superintendent, Mr. Hobson, Miss Urech, Mr. Ann  
Thy, Mr. See Hock Beng.

*Kuala Lumpur*:—District Superintendent, Mr. Lawa, Mr. Parker, Dr.  
McIntyre.

*Malacca*:—District Superintendent, Miss Pugh.

### Sunday Schools.

Miss Cass, Miss Emma Olson, Miss Atkins.

### Rescue Work.

Mrs. Pykett, Mrs. Silverthorn, Miss Blackmore, Miss Pugh, Miss Urech,  
Miss Nelson.

### Programme.

Miss Nelson, Miss Anderson, Mrs. Hornbeck.

### Publishing Committee.

Secretary, Mrs. Little, Mrs. Hornbeck.

### Resolutions.

Mrs. Pykett, Mrs. Silverthorn.

### Nominations.

Miss Marsh, Miss Bunce, Miss Mary Olson, Miss Richardson, Mrs. Voke.

# The Journal.

## First Session.

**Opening Exercises.** The Womans Conference held its opening session at Wesley Parsonage at 11 a.m. Thursday. After a brief devotional service led by Miss Cass and closing with prayer by Miss Blackmore the Sect. called the roll and 18 responded. Several others came in soon after.

**Organisation.** Mrs. Robinson was elected chairman, Miss Marsh Sect., and Miss Mary Olson Jubilee Treas.

**Introductions.** Introductions were then made and the following new members were presented:—Mrs. Holman, Miss Shilling. Miss Cary, Miss Jackson was welcomed back. Mrs. Pakiawatham of Telok Anson was also introduced.

**Correspondents.** The following correspondents were appointed to periodicals:—*The Friend*, Miss Jackson; *The Epworth Herald*, Miss Dean; *The N. Y. Advocate*, Miss Mary Olson; *The Malaysia Message*, Mrs. Holman; *The Northwestern Advocate*, Miss Nelson.

After remembering absent members with promises of letters a Round Table discussion of Religious Education was conducted by Miss Atkins. Specimens of work done by her pupils were shown and a great interest was manifested in the methods she had used in her school.

**Adjournment.** The session closed with prayer by Mrs. Pykett.

## Second Session.

**Opening Exercises.** The second session of the Woman's Conference met at Oldham Hall at 8.30 p.m. on Tuesday, with Mrs. Robinson in the chair. The quiet hour was observed with Mrs. Holman as leader. She took for her lesson the 21st Psalm, emphasizing Faith and Trust. After prayer by Miss Emma Olson and Miss Jackson the minutes were read and approved.

It was agreed to take up the unfinished programme and reports were called for with the following responding:

Chinese Church work Taiping	..	..	..	Miss Urich
Tamil	..	..	..	Miss Dean
General Ipoh	..	..	..	Miss Akerstrom
Tamil Singapore	..	..	..	Mrs. Little
Hokien	..	..	..	Miss Nelson
Cantonese	..	..	..	Miss Emma Olson
Baba Chinese	..	..	..	Miss Blackmore
Foochow	..	..	..	Mrs. Voke
Tamil Penang	..	..	..	Miss Craven

Mrs. Silverthorn reported all the work done in Sitiawan including the Tamil Church, two Chinese Churches, the W. C. T. U., the Epworth League, the Orphanage and the Day School.

Miss Cass told of Sunday School work in Penang.

After reports were finished Mrs. Eveland's letter was called for and read by the retiring Corresponding Sect., Miss Olson.

**Adjournment.** It was agreed to adjourn after prayer by Mrs. Oechsli.

### Third Session.

**Opening Exercises.** The Third Session of the Woman's Conference met at 5 p.m. at Oldham Hall. After singing "I need Thee every Hour" Miss Jackson brought us a message from Jno. 13: 34 and 35 and spoke on the "New Commandment," closing the devotional hour with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved. It was agreed to take up the unfinished programme and reports of Day Schools were called for.

The following responded:—Miss Bunce, Lindsay Girls' School Penang; Miss Dean, Treacher Taiping; Miss Marsh, Methodist Girls' School Kuala Lumpur; Mrs. Voke, Singapore; Miss M. Olson, Fairfield.

The Chair then appointed the Standing committees. (See Report).

A Round Table Discussion of Day School work was then conducted by Miss Marsh, the following talking on some phase of the work: Misses Bunce, Jackson, Olson, Richardson, Craven, Cass and Mrs. Voke.

Mrs. A. A. Parker from India was introduced.

The session closed with prayer by Miss Blackmore.

### Fourth Session.

**Opening Exercises.** The fourth session of the Woman's Conference met at the home of Mrs. Nagle at 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon. After singing "Take time to be holy" the quiet hour was observed with Miss Akerstrom as leader. She brought us a message from Rom. 15: 8-16 emphasizing the value of having.

One aim and One purpose. Miss Olson closed this hour with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

After Music by the Nind Home girls, Boarding School reports were called for and the following responded:—Penang, Miss Craven; Taiping, Miss Urich; Kuala Lumpur, Miss Richardson; Nind Home, Miss Blackmore.

A Round Table Discussion on this work as conducted by Miss Blackmore and the following made talks on the work and its problems: Misses Craven, Richardson, Jackson, Urich.

Miss Pugh's report of the work in Malacca was read by the Sect.

Mrs. Zinn led us in prayer for the Boarding School work, after which Miss Anderson favoured us with a solo "Unanswered Yet,"



The report of the Training School was read by Miss Nelson after which a Round Table Discussion on this work was conducted by Miss Nelson. An essay by Miss Mah Lia was read by the Sect. The session closed with prayer by Miss Blackmore.

### Fifth Session.

**Opening Exercises.** The Woman's Conference met at Wesley Manse immediately after devotionals at the church on Monday Morning.

The minutes were read and approved. A report of the work at Telok Anson was read by Mrs. Pakienatham. Miss Akerstrom read a report of the Ipoh Girls' School and Mrs. Pykett of Alexander Home and the Penang District. Miss Dean gave a report of the Central Conference in India.

It was agreed to send Mrs. Fisher an urgent invitation to visit our Field on her visit to the Orient. thro' the Corres. Sect.

Mrs. Voke read the report of the Leper Work.

Greetings from the Java Conf. were read and it was agreed to send the members of that Conf. greetings in return, through our Sect.

The report of the Nominating Comm. was read and adopted as read.

The report of the Rescue Comm. was read by Miss Blackmore and adopted as read.

It was agreed to make the Jubilee offering this year \$5, and year to send the Jubilee funds this year to Bareilly because of a gift received from that Orphanage in the early days of our work here.

The minutes were read and approved after which the session closed with prayer by Miss Atkins.

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## The Jubilee Meeting.

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This was the final and most impressive session of the Woman's Conference. The unique feature of the programme was a historical sketch arranged in decades and presented by five women of different dialects, each speaking in her own language. Mrs. Sundrum, one of the oldest and most faithful workers of the Tamil Church in Singapore told of the work of the first decade after Miss Blackmore had spoken briefly of the "Genesis of the W. F. M. S." Progress of the work through the second decades was presented in Hokkien Chinese by Mrs. Lim Chin Eng Matron of the Bible Woman's Training School and worker in the Telok Ayer Church. Following Mrs. Chin Eng, Nonya Gay Eng spoke in Malay on the work of the third decade. Mrs. Ho, the Bible Woman of the Cantonese church gave the fourth decade and Mrs. Kang So spoke in Hakka regarding the fifth decade.

It was an impressive sight when these five splendid workers stood before that audience to tell their people, each in her own language, what had been done by the faithful women in America to take the Gospel to other lands. Several of the speakers broke over the bounds set for them in the programme and urged upon their sisters that it behooved them to emulate their American sisters, by doing all they could to spread the story amongst their own people.

After an earnest prayer by Mrs. Yong Meng and special music, Mrs. Chen Ah Poh (Chia Kim Lian) gave an excellent paper on "The Woman of Today," which was followed by another equally inspiring and suggestive by Mrs. Pakianatham on "The Pastor-Teacher's Wife."

The closing item on the programme was a report of the Jubilee collections for the year from the different stations. The total amount received at this meeting was \$565.20 (Straits currency). Previous to this \$1,478.23 had been received, making a Jubilee total for the Conference of \$2,043.43.

Miss Blackmore suggested and it was agreed to by all that the 1919, Jubilee money be sent to Bareilly Hospital in India. In the early days when work was just opening up in Malaysia, a gift was sent to Singapore from Bareilly to be used in defraying expenses connected with the starting of the work. Miss Blackmore has remembered that kindness through all these years and thought it would be fitting to send this Jubilee money as a sort of repayment with interest added to show our appreciation.

Our Woman's Conference has taken a significant step towards fostering interest in the W. F. M. S. among the women of the various churches on the field by organizing a Malaysia W. F. M. S. Conference. The missionary ladies are getting it started but they hope in time that the women of the various local churches will take the lead.

EVA NELSON, *Jubilee Secretary.*

## Reports of Committees.

### COMMITTEE ON RESCUE WORK.

Your Committee are glad to know that the Social Service Society in Singapore has been aggressive and successful in fighting the Social evils that prevail in this town, and we congratulate them on what has been achieved.

We are encouraged to know that the better class of the Japanese Community in Singapore are against Jap. brothels, and that they in conjunction with their Consul are making an effort to have these houses closed during the current year.

We would urge our workers throughout our Conference, to do all in their power to affect a similiar action in their towns.

We are very glad too, to note, that the Licensing Board in Singapore has refused to grant, or renew licenses to certain public houses, and that this action has reduced the number of such houses, in consequence of that action.

We regret that Miss Strout is not with us at this time, but we are glad to know, that in 2 month's time she will return, and work in our territories for two years.

We rejoice that the W. C. T. U. in K. L. and Sitiawan are active, and that the Women of our Colony at Sitiawan are aggressive, and that they have been responsible for the closing up of a liquor shop in their colony.

Other stations please take note!

We would urge that the Literature of the W. C. T. U. and the Social Service Society be scattered broadcast amongst our young people, and would advise that our Leagues take part in their distribution. Inconclusive we ask that all our workers do their best to seek out the girls, and women in our towns who need protective, and help, and put them on the right path.

Send all such to the Alexandra Home where they will be cared for!

A. PYKETT, *Convener.*

#### COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

1. Resolved that we very heartily appreciate the privilege of having Mrs. J. W. Robinson preside at our Woman's Conference this year.

2. We hope that the W. F. M. S. will take up the work in Sitiawan this year, or, pending their decision that a lady teacher will be sent to open the school that is so much needed there.

3. We regret that the Woman's Training School has not received all the Financial support locally, that it deserves, and we trust that it will receive the same help as the Men's Training School, during the current year.

4. We are grateful for the financial help that has been given to the Alexandra Home, locally, during last year.

*Resolved:* that we wish to convey our sympathies, and appreciation to the Social Service Society for the work they are doing at our various stations, and we hope that their good work will continue to progress, and be effective.

6. *Resolved:* that we, the outstation members of Conference desire to express our thanks, and appreciation, to our Missionary bretheren and sisters in S'pore, also to our other hosts, and hostesses, for their great kindness, and hospitality that has been extended to us all, during our stay with them.

A. PYKETT, *Convener.*

### COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sunday Schools resolved to adopt the resolutions sent in by the Men's Board, which are as follows:

I. That the S. S. Committee be instructed to request the F. C. to allow the S. S. Com. to distribute the S. S. appropriation.

II. That the Board S. S. be requested to increase the S. S. appropriation to \$500 gold per year.

III. That the S. S. Secretary for 1920 be authorized to continue negotiations with the Board of Sunday Schools with a view to having Mr. Ryan the S. S. Secretary for the Philippines divide his time between the Philippines and Malaysia.

E. STELLA CASS, *Chairman.*

## Reports of Work.

### Penang District.

#### LINDSAY GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The work with the girls and women in the school and Chinese Church and with the young men in the Endeavour League has been a blessing and inspiration during the whole year.

While we haven't yet been able to link up our Day Scholars with the Church and Sunday School in the way we should like, yet many of them have witnessed to a genuine change of heart, and have refused any longer to worship the idols of their fathers and mothers.

Out of our twelve local teachers, four are girls from our own school, and they are doing splendid work. We are glad to have Miss Mah Lia back as a teacher, she, having finished her work in the Training School. She is also taking up work in the church and Sunday School.

Chapel Services have been continued as usual before the beginning of the regular work. The Chinese teachers have taken charge of the lower standards, conducting the services in Chinese, while those of the upper standards have been carried on in English.

Miss Lindsay of the Brethren came in for a week and gave a very helpful series of talks, and several girls expressed their desire to be Christians.

Friday morning has been considered Jubilee morning, and the sum of \$103.05 was given by the girls to the Fund.

The women in the Chinese church also gave \$9.40 to the fund.

Much of Miss Martin's work in the Chinese Church had to be given up, but the Bible Women have been very faithful and our attendance women has kept up to normal.



The weekly prayer meeting has been conducted by the Bible women, the Matrons of Alexandra and Winchell Homes and the Chinese teachers in the school, in turn, Mrs. Pykett has also been of great help in the meetings taking charge of them for the last three months in the year.

The Endeavour Band is made up largely of young business men whose desire is to live a clean life and do all they can to bring their fellow-men to the Lord Jesus. Practically all have been baptized, four of them want to go into definite Christian work, and all of them I believe have a fixed purpose to do the right. Their devotion at meetings held every Friday night have been most helpful. They are also in a Sunday School Class which I have had the privilege of teaching, and it has been a privilege to be able to help stamp upon the young men and women of Penang the image of the Lord Christ, and to help them make "the mind of Christ the standard of their actions, the Cross of Christ, the measure of their love."

It has felt good to be at home again this last year, amongst old friends and familiar scenes; but I feel there is not much to report, as my work has mainly been one of advising, and filling in everywhere that the need arose.

I have been in all the Churches, and I have also travelled over the District with my husband visiting the different stations, and meeting the women and their families; this part of the work I have enjoyed very much.

I have helped in the Chinese womans' weekly prayer meeting, and also in the Lady Aid Society of the Chinese Church, of which Mrs. Koo Chee Hoe, the Pastor's wife is President.

A successful Sale of Fancy Work was held last week, to which the Women of the Church and the Girls of Winchel Home especially contributed largely.

The Chinese Church is an inspiration, and we wish our other Native Churches would emulate them!

We hope Miss Martin will not take too long a furlough the women need her, and we want her back soon.

So little is being done for the women outside the Churches, we need Biblewomen to replace those who have retired after long years of faithful service.

I especially miss Ng Pat Sam my Cantonese Bible Woman who did such good work among the Cantonese girls. Outside of this class of girls, there is little scope for Cantonese work in Penang, for which I am sorry, as my dialect will "rust and decay" from want of use! In fact, there seems to be little use for the native languages, unless one gets right amongst the people, outside; as our Native Churches do a good deal of their work in English, with the exception of the Preaching services; in the adult class in the S. Schools, English is the demand, and if they want to hold the young people, they must have it!

I haven't as much energy as I had 25 years ago, and I sincerely regret that I can not get out as I used to.

There is so much to be done, and no one free to go out and gather in the Women.

Let us pray, and pray in faith, believing that our prayers will be answered, that God will so fill us with His Holy Spirit, and inspire within us zeal, and anxiety for the Salvation of the Women amongst whom we live!

“Them that honour me, I will honour saith the Lord;” let them go forward with full assurance that God is with us, always, even until the end.

A. PYKETT.

ALEXANDRA HOME.

When Miss Martin left us, I took over my old “job,” and it is one that lays very near my heart! There were 17 women and children in the Home at the commencement of the year.

I soon found out that many of the women were there temporarily, because of disagreement with their husbands, needless to say. I did my best to make peace, and send them home.

The rise in the price of rice, and other foodstuffs has hit us hard during the year: the year's allowance from the W. F. M. S. only sufficed for 10 months; notwithstanding this, we have come out with a credit balance, due to the generosity of friends, and some of our Churches throughout the Conference, to whom special appeals were made by me just before the end of the year. I have yet to hear from the Selangor, and Singapore Districts, who have something for us no doubt.

Our old friend the W. C. T. U. in S'pore. gave ready response to my appeal, and sent us 2 donations, one of \$50 towards the much needed repairs of the Home, and later a Christmas gift came from them, both of which I was very grateful for, also to other friends who helped us!

Our number has decreased considerably, we have now only 2 women, and some children resident, but, more will come in, as they always do during the year.

Five of the girls have been married through the year. It is a very popular Institution for brides; we don't keep marriageable girls very long, we could have married twice that number had we had them.

They make good wives too, and keep faithful to the Churches where they belong.

Our able, and faithful matron Seng Lee gives them a good all round education, and to her is due all the credit, and success in the training of these girls!

At one of the weddings, the Bridegroom got a surprise when the Bride signed her name in Romanised Chinese; he exclaimed “Whoa,

ang moh ji," which meant "Why, English characters," and he was very proud of the fact.

The building was badly in need of repairs, and I was glad to be able to get this done.

It needs painting badly, and I am looking forward to having that done also, when I return after Conference, (if, we go to Penang). I hope to receive donations from the stations who have not yet responded to my appeal, to enable this to be done.

One of the 2 Biblewomen now working in Penang is a product of the Home, and later she graduated from the Bible Training School.

She is earnest, and does good work. I hope we may have one or two more to send to the School, in the near future.

God has been faithful; His mercy and goodness has followed us, guiding and directing this noble work of leading the erring to Him, in Whom, and through Whom they become new creatures, testifying to the Power and grace of God, which is able to save, and, to keep saved! To Him be all honor, and glory for ever and ever!

A. PYKETT.

### F. M. S. District.

#### TAMIL CHURCH, TAIPING.

We are grateful to God who in spite of everything has blessed our Tamil Church work in Taiping this year. Miss Anderson had done splendid work there and she is greatly missed. The pastor has been faithful in his calling and holding open air meetings near the coolie lines. A good spirit has prevailed throughout the year. We have been able to close the year free from debt, all bills paid and a small balance in the treasury. We had our first Ingathering service this year and it was quite successful in spite of the pouring rain. Three babies have been baptised.

Since organizing the Membership Manual Class the collections in our Sunday school have increased four fold and the attendance is eight times as great as it was a few months ago. Six of the class joined the church and six others have said they would join the church as soon as the pastor gives the invitation. Three have after prayerful decision, signed the Life Covenant Pledge and are willing to enter any work God will call them to. At Christmas time the boys gave a good programme; all enjoyed the pretty Christmas tree and a library was started. If any one wishes to contribute books or magazines they will be gratefully received.

The membership in the Epworth League has increased eleven fold. Under its auspices two Membership Classes have been organized, with a total enrolment of 61 (sixty one). A personal workers class has been started, the hospital has been visited and tracts distributed. Mr. Sun-

dramas meetings came just at the right time and were a great blessing to all departments of our work.

Now a new field has opened in Taiping. A large regiment of soldiers from Burma has been stationed there. Many of them are Christians, many speak English and are well educated. Our Church was the first to welcome them. They hold their service in our church at 7.30 each Sunday morning. Our Tamil young men have done all they could to help them and get them into our church, Sunday school and League. But they want and need an American Minister. We need also a new church. The one we have is too far away and far too small. It could be used for a parsonage and a new church put up on the mission compound. We hope this will be done, as soon as possible.

JENNIE DEAN.

#### TREACHER GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The splendid condition in which Miss Rank left the school has made the years work comparatively easy. But the loss of Miss Rank who went to America on furlough; of Miss Anderson who was transferred to Kuala Lumpur, of Miss Chin Poh who was married and moved to Penang and of Mrs. White who was compelled to leave on account of illness, has been keenly felt, especially as it has been impossible to get enough teachers to fill all these vacancies. But the teachers have been conscientious and faithful, which has meant so much toward the success of the years work. They have attended the teachers meetings regularly and these meetings have been a great help in promoting the spirit of friendship and co-operation which we have enjoyed so much.

July 1st being the first opportunity to celebrate the signing of the Peace Treaty, the pupils helped to decorate the school buildings and then assembled in the primary hall. After the reading of Scripture and the singing of hymns and patriotic songs a talk was given on the meaning of a lasting peace, and the National Anthem was sung.

On August 30th, Peace Day was observed by having an appropriate programme and school sports. The girls showed as keen an interest as any American girls would.

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month at a given signal all class work ceased and every head was bowed to thank God that the awful war had ceased and that the Armistice had been signed. After a brief service the National Anthem was sung.

Mrs. MacGregor inspected the sewing and said the girls had done "most excellent work," and that "there is a marked improvement." The embroidery, knitting tatting and other fancy work received special praise. The following is part of the report she sent in to the Government Inspector of Schools. "I examined the needlework of Treacher Girls' School and found everything most satisfactory—a distinct improvement. The garments made by the upper classes were useful and well made, while some of the pupils showed marked skill in dainty finishings.



The work of the younger pupils knitting and sewing was equally good, attention had been given to beginnings and endings of seams." Not a single unfavourable criticism was given.

In the afternoon we had Parents Day and the parents and friends were invited in to inspect the sewing and school work. A keen interest and appreciation were shown. After the inspection the girls gave a pretty Christmas programme, the climax being a star drill. Then the girls who had done the best in sewing and those having perfect attendance, and those standing the highest in their class work received books as rewards.

There was no regular examination in Standard IV this year, but we passed thirteen. In Std. VII four passed and two failed. One of the girls who passed expects to take nursing, one has gone to Penang to take Cambridge, one has entered the Womens Bible Training School and one we want to teach for us. Our school closed for the year with an enrolment of 148, the largest enrolment this school has had so far.

We have had daily Bible study in all classes. In the Kindergarten and Primary we use the graded S. S. stories, in the upper Stds. we use the Cambridge text books. We have chapel services for the upper Stds. twice each week, when we try and bring a special appeal to the girls. Mr. Stanes held special services in our school and made the messages so clear that all could understand and will never forget. We have had 28 definite decessions for Christ this year and 17 are now taking a keen interest in our Membership Class which meets each week after school. The parents of some of these girls may never let them join the church but we are glad this does not hinder them from being real Christians.

Due to the arrival of the regiment the Government has required the large building we formerly rented. If the work is to be continued a new building is necessary. If the new church is built that could be used as a class room until a proper school building can be built. We must have more class rooms as we are now using part of the dormitory, the office and the teachers tiffin room, and a class is taken down on the ground under the school house. We must have more room.

JENNIE DEAN, *Principal.*

#### BOARDING SCHOOL, TAIPING.

Our Boarding School has had a very good year. The girls have made the best of difficulties regarding food and housing problems, and I am grateful for their help in making things bright.

I have had the privilege of reaping the seeds of love and unity sown by the former missionaries, and this has been a source of blessing throughout the year. The girls have maintained the good spirit that has always prevailed in Taiping.

Talks given by Mr. Stanes, a Sunday School worker from India helped towards decisions for Christ, and several of our younger girls can now sing of the happy day that fixed their choice.

Last March little Kim Tjan left us for the Beautiful Home. She was a happy child, and loved by all who knew her.

We had only one other case of serious illness, and we are thankful to the doctors and their staff for all their assistance when cuts, sores, red eyes afflicted one or the other of our flock.

A few days before the new regulations came into force, kind friends in town helped us to get rice at cost price, and this, together with vegetables grown in gardens kept by the girls, enabled us to reduce our bills, which had been causing me some alarm.

Both the office and the large dormitory for older girls were given up for school use when Government Quarters, occupied for almost two years, had to be vacated.

If the need of a kitchen was great three years ago, it is now greater than ever, and something must be done at once.

Our girls were pleased to take part in the Peace Day procession. We were the proud possessors of a big lorry, at our disposal for the whole day. We all appreciated Miss Craven's help in making our "carriage" look presentable, and we were recommended for the first prize.

At Christmas time the European Community presented us with the handsome gift of \$100. We are especially grateful to Mr. Tate for his efforts to give us this help. The children were happy with small gifts, and we were able to pay off part of our debt. Kind people from America sent us beautiful ribbons, and this gift was greatly appreciated.

Three of our boarders left after passing Std. VII examination. Kim Hioh who has faithfully helped me with the girls and in the Sunday School, is ready to enter the Bible Woman's Training School. Kim Poh has joined the Cambridge Class in Penang, Alice has gone to her relatives, as she is not strong enough for any work.

I feel that much has had to be neglected, and I trust that in future more time can be spared for this important work.

It has been a joy to help a little here and there. I pray that the dear children may all grow up for Jesus, and that they may go out from our home, telling the story of His love by shining for Him wherever they may be.

LYDIA URECH.

#### CHINESE CHURCH, TAIPING.

Although our Church membership does not show a great increase in numbers, I am thankful to report that the love to God, and the interest of those who come every Sunday has increased; and the revival for which we have been praying has begun. Some who had gone astray, men who had left us for other places of worship, have begun returning to us, and we are looking forward to greater victory than ever before.

Three women have been baptized during the year, one coming from Penang, as her husband objected to her making a public confession there. She went on her way rejoicing, and we trust that she may win her family by her daily Christian life.

About a year ago several women were stopped from coming, but their husbands did not hinder them when they ventured to come out bravely a few months ago. Our Bible woman has done much to help them in every way.

We lost many of our members by transfer—several families who were earnest workers—and this tested our faith rather severely. But we are glad to know that God's work cannot go under, and the increased interest has been a great encouragement.

Our pastor is very faithful and untiring in his efforts, but it would be a great help to have an English speaking pastor to help the English speaking young men. The coming of a Kuala Lumpur Sunday School teacher will be a great help to us.

We had a very successful Christmas entertainment, and at the end the grown-up people were presented with large Lesson-pictures. The other day I called on one of the women, and I found the Bible picture hanging where formerly an ugly-looking idol had had its place.

We have faith that many will cast away their idols during the year before us. May God give us all we need to help the people of our town to turn unto the only and the living God. We thank Him for what He has done in Taiping, for what He is doing, and for what He will do according to our faith.

LYDIA URECH.

#### METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL, IPOH.

The M. G. S. has had its difficulties but in spite of these handicaps has accomplished much. There were practically no changes in the teaching staff except for Std. I and II and this helps to account for the good work done. For the final examination the girls were given the papers set by Mr. Hinch for the boys. In every case, except Std. I and II the results were much better than the boys. Six girls were presented for the Std. VII examination and 100% passed.

We celebrated peace day by having games and sports. The committee allowed us \$100.00 for prizes.

The girls have met about once a week, after school for games and "sings."

Mr. Stanes and also the Bishop of Assam spoke to the girls.

During the year it was necessary to ask Miss Bunce for about \$700.00. This was caused by three things, first the paying of about \$300.00 to the A. C. S., secondly, Miss MacKenzie's salary amounted to about \$400.00, thirdly the school gharry has run into debt between \$20

and \$30 per month. There is plenty of money to be had for the asking if the people can be convinced that the work is to be taken care of and a worker stationed there.

The material is ready, but we must have a workman. Something must be done, and done NOW.

The Chinese and Tamil women of Ipoh have tried to continue their weekly prayer meetings, but the results were far from satisfactory as they had no adequate leader in charge. Rev. Lau Yip Heng, the Chinese pastor and Mrs. Dr. Lee were very faithful.

Several Chinese women were baptized at Christmas time.

The girls S. S. has had a very good year. A number of the girls are simply waiting for their parents consent to enable them to join the church. Great credit is due to Misses Jessie Bailey and Mah Ah Yoke who have been very faithful workers. They have been of great help in assisting me with my calling upon the people.

There is a very bright outlook for the coming year.

F. AKERSTROM.

#### TELUK ANSON.

As I teach in the Anglo-Chinese School from 8 a.m. till 1 p.m., I have not had much time to do good work among the women of the place. Still I visit the Christian and some non-Christian families every now and then, and especially when I know them to be either sick or in need of help. Every Thursday I attend the Cottage Prayer Meetings where I meet and get acquainted with the different members of every family. Besides me there are two other class leaders among the women who do good active work among the Christian and non-Christian friends. 24 copies of Women's Friend are distributed monthly among the Christian and non-Christian Tamil ladies.

The Ladies Aid Society was organized in October last and it contains Christian, Hindu and Roman Catholic ladies as members. Its President is a Christian, the Secretary a Roman Catholic, and the Treasurer a Hindu. It meets every Tuesday afternoon and the average attendance is 10. Out of the four meetings held monthly one is a devotional and the other three are sewing classes. The Roman Catholic ladies did not attend the meetings lately owing to their priest's influence. But the Hindu ladies are very earnest and zealous, in fact some of them are trying their best to bring back Roman Catholic ladies. In the devotional meetings, addresses are given on subjects such as, "The Qualities of a Good Woman" "How to Train the Children," "Means of Keeping Good Health," etc., and different members lead in prayer. All the meetings are well attended and are successful.

In the Sunday School, three out of eight teachers are women I teach the Senior Class of boys who take considerable interest in the Sunday School lessons. A young Tamil lady plays the piano in the Sunday



School, Ladies Aid Society and for Church Services. Every month two new songs are taught to the Sunday School children.

We had a successful Christmas programme on Christmas eve. It was quite interesting to hear non-Christian Chinese boys and girls sing Christmas songs.

MARIAMMAL S. PAKIANATHAN.

SITIAWAN.

*Church Work.* We now have two Chinese churches, a Hucheng and a Foochow congregation. The average attendance of the church is about 150 and of the Sunday School about the same. The girls who are taught by Mrs. Ti Kong are a very interesting class. The woman's class is quite large but the presence of so many babies causes a great deal of noise and confusion. A babies room is needed.

The Tamil work is not very irregularly attended owing to the great distances the women live from the church. Several deaths of infants have occurred—among them the infant of our pastor's wife, and this has hampered the work of the women. They have no Ladies Aid but would like to organize one soon. As several of them are from our schools we have good material to draw from for this work.

*Epworth League.* The League membership is not large but the attendance is regular. The young men are being helped by the meetings and are getting and understanding of the real aims of the League. The different departments are doing good and thorough work.

*W. C. T. U.* This organization has a membership of 45 Chinese women. Many of the young girls are coming and want to be organized into a Junior Y. We have had a series of mothers' meetings in which the sacredness of motherhood, the care of the child, the place and value of food, the need of right habits were emphasized. They were told that "as the mother so the nation" and that their girls are the future mothers so if they want a strong educated and prosperous China they must foster love for their girl babies.

Thro' Mrs. Polglaze we have been able to obtain many tracts on a alcohol, opium, and tobacco.

*The Orphanage.* We have had an average enrolment this year of 23. Just recently one of our oldest boys, Wi Bong, died of typhoid fever. His loss is felt by all the boys.

The price of rubber is good now so we have been able to make many needed improvements and the boys are grateful. There is much good solid material for the development of Christians among our boys.

*Day School.* The average attendance of the Day School has not increased owing to the opening up of a Mission School among the Chinese. We hope to unite these schools in the future.

*General.* The work of a missionary's wife is so varied here that it seems that the efforts are too scattered to leave any lasting influence on any one project; the force should be doubled to meet the situation.

The colony of 10,000 Chinese, the Tamils numbering 150 Christians, the thriving Epworth League, the much needed W. C. T. U., an Orphanage of 23 Boys, the Day School needing supervision and teachers, a keen interest in the prices of rubber and the duties of a home all tax the strength and the time of the wife of the resident missionary.

The people are anxiously awaiting the return of the missionaries from Conference. The Girls' School is the crying need of the hour. The Catholics are anxious and ready to come in and we do pray that we will be able to start a Girls' School.

D. SILVERTHORN.

#### METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL, KUALA LUMPUR.

The Methodist Girls School at Kuala Lumpur opened in Jan., with Miss Richardson as acting Prin. By the time the appointed Prin. arrived the school had been running nearly three weeks and the month was nearly over; as a result the school has been running about that far ahead of the reinstated Head Mistress all year and she has had to stop and catch her breath in her effort to keep at times. At such times we learn the truth of the old adage that the race is not to the swift nor the battle to the strong but to the patient and stout hearted will be the laurals.

After a year with young untrained teachers, half of whom are products of our own school, and inefficient office help the year 1920 opens full of hope and bids fair to be one of good earnest work and fair results.

The chief difficulty has been to get and maintain a permanent staff. One poor class had to put up with ten different teachers during the year, many of whom were not worthy of the name. Just why The Fates wreaked nearly all their vengeance on one poor little third standard is more than I know but first Cupid; then the Angel of Death, then the lure of home life and finally the Stork claimed one teacher after another until the Judge of Examinations appeared to weigh them in the balance and, sad to relate, found most of them wanting.

Time was when the Prin. could teach and supervise sufficiently to keep the school up to normal standard but increased numbers and younger and less experienced teachers have made such a thing wholly out of the realm of possibility today. Realizing that the upper and Cambridge classes must be given more attention, the infallible scheme of advertising was resorted to and the Prin. expected to see flocks of petticoats trooping up the stairs to the Office with glowing recommendations and beaming smiles of satisfaction over the shortened hours from 8.30 to 1: and the promise of Government scale of salaries. But alas! Female teachers are at a higher premium than exchange on U. S. A. currency and the only reply to the attractive position pictured in the "Wanted" columns of the "Malay Mail" was a man—an Indian man—a Brahmin if you please—and not fully qualified at that.

At this juncture Providence came to the rescue, as He always does, and at the suggestion of Miss Anderson the Rev. Supramanium was approached. Of course the Official Board had to be Consulted and the District Superintendent's permission obtained but all these are minor considerations when the reputation of a School is at stake.

It was with a great deal of satisfaction that Rev. Supramanium was installed as a member of our Faculty. He holds an enviable reputation as a teacher, having mastered that art before he was called to the ministry.

Miss Richardson gives two hours of her valuable time to Cambridge classes and the Music teacher has had the Theory class. So our High School Faculty today consists of two men, three women, and one Senior Camb. graduate.

Of the four girls who took Sr. Camb. last year three returned for further study and one is taking charge of our seventh standard. The Juniors all remained in school and we lost none of the seventh standard candidates, thus showing how much easier it is to hold our larger girls than it used to be.

Miss Wheeler left the Music Dept. in April and Miss Anderson came in May. She had heavy work until she began to break under the load when a local teacher was obtained. We have started the Trinity College Music Course and now Musical Theory is one of our Camb. Sections. A new series of Music Readers has been installed in the Day School and the children seem to like to sing *do re mi* judging from the lustiness of their voices. We hope the time will come when we can build a special place for the Music Dept. where it can grow and thrive uncramped in space allotted to two or three other uses.

The girls feeling the need of some religious activity that they could call their own reorganized the school Y. W. C. A. in June and are carrying on this work along their own lines. Their officers are upper standard girls or teachers and their committee representative of all upper classes. They are learning to give and this year they collected \$50 for the Jubilee and \$50 for the Syrian refugees. We call this the Religious Organization because of the prejudice to the name Y. W. C. A.

The Cambridge results last year were very gratifying as five of six Seniors and four out of five Juniors passed. Of these girls two are training as nurses and four of them have taught for us during the past year.

MABEL MARSH.

#### KUALA LUMPUR BOARDING SCHOOL.

In the light of the past year I am quite understand and sympathize with the proverbial "old woman who lived in a shoe." Fifty-three children is quite a bunch to fall heiress to all at once, or nearly at once. Some one said last year, when she found I actually wanted a Boarding School, that I would be considerably wiser before the year was

up I am. But I think I am not particularly sadder. There was an average enrolment of forty-three or forty-four in the school during the year.

Two of the girls are full Malays and we are much interested in them. This year the Tamils seem to be waking up to the need for an education for their children. There are at present about a dozen Tamil children in the Boarding School. Boys are no longer admitted. Yet we had nearly reached the limit of the Boarding School even before Chinese New Year. Third class is already overcrowded and first and second class nearly "full up."

I have had a rare woman for matron this year. She was brought up in the Foochow school of our Miss Bonnafield. She is a very sweet Christian woman and has a very good influence over the girls.

We have been very fortunate in regard to the health of the boarders this year. There has been very little serious sickness—only a bit of Malaria Sores we have always with us—or two nearly so. I had hardly realized there could be such sores as some of them have after a time spent at home. I have learned to lay in a supply of ointments and quinine during a holiday so as to be armed for action when the children return.

I have divided the girls into three groups usually for prayers and used the graded Sunday School lessons which they all enjoyed. From them the girls got pretty well unstilled into them a few of the great truths of Christianity. They seemed to get something of the real spirit of the Christmas stories and carols, and of the Easter songs and stories of love and suffering. One girl, whom I had not thought quite ready to sign the Epworth League active membership pledge, came to me and asked to join the League. I asked her if she was a Christian and she looked up into my face with a happy smile as she said, "My mother is not but I want to be."

I have tried to teach them a little of the dignity of labor with one's hands. Most of them seem to have the idea, when they come into the Boarding School, that they are to be educated so they won't have to work; that time outside of school hours or study time is all for play or to idled away, that all work—especially cooking and cleaning, should be only for scholarship girls. Now even the second class girls are taking quite nicely to the fact that, even though they pay the munificent sum of twelve dollars a month, still cooking and learning to keep their house clean is also required and is a part of the education of a girl in the Boarding School. I wish this might be extended even to the first class boarders.

Once a week we have had the Jubilee offering and the girls have given 25.00 toward this. Much of this, as is often the case, has come from those who had little spending money. Some of them are really learning to give,



On the whole I feel that it has been a good year. And I still feel that there is no work, in our mission here for the coming of Christ's kingdom, more important than that of the Boarding Schools where we have the girls twenty-four hours of the day.

FANNY E. RICHARDSON.

#### TAMIL WORK, KUALA LUMPUR.

It was interesting to return to Kuala Lumpur after a number of years absence. Miss Wheeler had done much towards developing the work among the women in various ways.

The church services of course always come first. The early hours of the day were given to Sunday School and preaching service. I continued Miss Wheeler's work as nearly as possible without change. To teach the young mens Bible class was a great pleasure, as much interest was shown throughout the year. The church services were well attended. During the month of June the Children's Day programme was given, and two hundred and twenty-six dollars were raised for, our Preachers training school.

I should not fail to mention the work of the Ladie's Aid Society and the Womans Christian Temperance Union. Please societies have been held regularly during the year. The W. C. T. U. is conducted entirely by the Tamil women themselves. Most excellent papers are prepared on various subjects coming under that work. A Loyal Temperance Leigon had been organized, which promises to be a great help in educating the children in regard to the evil of intoxicants.

The Aid Society meets every week, and is an *aid* also in the social life of the women. Their Annual Sale of work amounted to three hundred and twenty-six dollars this year.

Through the late Rev. Abraham—a sum of money was obtained from the Centenary Board for the purpose of building a Boarding School for Tamil Girls. We acknowledge the gift with gratitude. The Ladie's Aid Society will promote the project in any way possible. We pray that this may be the means of bringing larger success to all the work of our mission for the Tamil people of Kuala Lumpur.

R. L. ANDERSON.

#### SNYDAM GIRLS' SCHOOL, MALACCA.

We have had much to be thankful for in Malacca this year. First, there is Miss Pugh's return. Only one who has lived in Malacca can know how thoroughly she is respected and loved by all sections of the community. Malay, Tamil, Chinese—all have been helped by her in the past and are eager to show their appreciation. Her return, as one cause, and the assurance that unless something definite were done very quickly, the Snyderdam Girls' School would be taken from Malacca, as the second

cause, have accomplished the seemingly impossible, and the Chinese towkays have decided to support the school most generously. They say that girls from the other schools here do not learn correct English as ours do, and so they have raised the money for passage and salary for two additional competent teachers from America. This is waiting and will be paid over as soon as the teachers arrive. But when will that be and who will come?

The Chinese are also negotiating for a fine big piece of land by the sea in the most rapidly developing part of town and will put up adequate new buildings for us. The place where we are now is growing continually worse and no human being should be forced to live amid the clouds of Oriental-street dust which hourly pour in upon us. We are keeping 34 children there, besides the dayscholars who must breathe it for several hours each day. Yet how can we expect the Chinese to hurry with the new buildings when they know that their money for teachers has been waiting several months and we cannot yet assure them that one teacher has been found?

Another thing which is a source of greatest thankfulness to us is the character of our girls. In all other stations here, they can let their girls, if capable, pass St. VII then Junior and Senior Cambridge, and after that perhaps send them to the Training School. But we we forced to take girls out of St. VII and put them to teaching. Since July, these girls have been the only human help I have had in the school—and very faithful and remarkably efficient they have been. On both his visits, the Inspector of Schools has expressed his pleasure at the methods they were using. But oh, the pity of it! They wanted to stay in school and if allowed to do so, might have easily become qualified teachers under Government rating. Now that can never be. Several times they have become restless at hearing tales of the more exciting life in other stations and have wanted to change. Once they even had all plans made to do so, but always when I have reminded them that the only chance for the other girls to learn at all, depended upon them, they have chosen the harder, more unselfish part and decided to stay. They are only young girls, not yet 18, but are genuine Christians. The older girls who left in November, had taught until within four weeks of her wedding, though half-sick and burdened at home with all the multitudinous details of wedding preparation.

We now have four more girls, just as unselfish as these, in St. VII, and four in St. VI. Do you wonder that I have vowed, that, come what may, I will not take them out of school to teach? Sooner than that, I will send home a class of little children, for we will never have qualified local teachers in Malacca until we allow our own girls to become qualified.

RUTH E. ATKINS,

## MALACCA.

*Boarding School.* If folks think the East moves slowly, they should have left Malacca in 1915 and returned in 1919 as I did. During those four years great changes have taken place, and the quiet little town has become a busy centre for the production and export of rubber. Automobiles and lorries are rushing through the streets and Chinese ladies and girls are frequently seen driving in open autos. Kubu Road was a quiet country road, although in the town. Now it is built up on both sides, and is very noisy and very dusty.

It was very hard to be kept waiting in England two-and-a-half years after booking passage and confidently expecting to be back in March 1917. All the more so, because I knew that all the stations were understaffed, and that the work of others was being hindered by my absence.

It was a pleasure to meet again the girls in the Boarding-School and to find that those I had left as children, had become self-reliant, dependable, lovable and best of all, Christian girls. Four of the older ones had married during my absence. There are now thirty-four girls of all ages and three more want to come. Only one is self-supporting. A few are partly self-supporting, and the rest belong entirely to us, and unless the scholarships are increased, we do not know how they are to be supported. We have had some local help for which we are most thankful. A member of the Chinese Church gave a gift of money at Christmas to buy cloth for new dresses. The husbands of two former pupils have given bags of sweet potatoes and tapioca tubers. Another, whose daughter was pupil and teacher, has given a bag of rice as a Chinese New Year's gift. Also gifts have been received from former pupils who are living in other towns. The price of rice is four times what it was and all foodstuff, cloth and fuel is about two and three times what it was, and prices are rising all the time. How to feed and cloth our children is becoming a serious problem.

We depend on these children for teachers and helpers in the future. We have entire control of them and can train them for the work for which we think them best fitted. Our hopes for qualified teachers from among our own girls are always being crushed when they are about to be realized, because our best Boarding School girls and Day pupils have to become teachers before they have had the chance to qualify.

The Church, Ebangelistic Work and Epworth League are all promising, and the time is ripe for a parent Board Missionary to come and work among the English speaking young men who are coming to Church and League. Many more would come if we had a leader for them.

There is a marked improvement in the Chinese congregation under the present Pastor Rev. Ng Khoan Jiu, and the attendance at all services is good. The number of women at these services fluctuates. They are kept at home by little ones and home duties, and some, to mind the

shop. Our girls all attend the English services. Beng Chi the Bible woman is a great help going in and out among the Christians and also is the homes of the non-Christian Hokien women. She is often sent for in times of sickness and is always ready to help whenever and wherever she can. She helps also with the little ones when the older ones and I go to League and service on Sunday evening. We have great plans for the future, and believe that much can be done in Malacca if we can only have the workers to do it.

This is the only Protestant Mission doing Educational and Evangelistic work in Malacca, and it certainly should be much better stopped at once or the opportunity for a successful work will pass.

People are awaking to the needs of education for girls. Educated young men are giving up belief in idols and want something better to help in their lives than they have had up to the present. They are surrounded by bad influences, and need the help of strong earnest Christians who will influence them for good.

May God send men and women to Malacca who will come because they are needed, and because they want to give to others what has been given to them.

ADA PUGH.

### **Borneo District.**

#### **SARAWAK, BORNEO.**

I have nothing new to report this Conference. The schools and churches have all done well. We had 43 in the girls' boarding school last year. These are girls from in and around Sibü. The girls in the settlements attend the boys' day schools until they are 12 or 14 years of age. We are hoping to open another girls' school down the river, so that the girls from the surrounding districts may have a place to go after they leave the boys' schools.

One of the new pupils we admitted this year, was another of those unfortunate girls betrothed in infancy. She was a hard case—only 12 years old, but she could smoke and use abusive language as readily as an old, hardened sinner. She had evidently heard of some of the other girls who have come to us, so when her mother-in-law's treatment got more than she could stand she ran away to school. Her father-in-law came after her, but she refused to move until he promised she should come back, and that he would not let her mother-in-law beat her when she got home. He promised, and was glad to get off so easily, for if the case had gone to the court, he would have lost the girl, and got into trouble besides. In a day or two she returned, and is now considerably tamed.

We got a terrible shock during the year. The head Chinese teacher did not feel very well, so went to see the Government dresser who feared leprosy. Needless to say he stopped work immediately and left for China with his family. This has thrown additional work on the other teachers, but they have not complained.



The women who do the visiting in the settlements, have worked faithfully. We need six or eight Biblewomen who can devote their entire time to the work.

At Christmas we gave our usual entertainment. The building was packed—there was not even standing room. Besides songs and drills we gave a little play—"The Birds' Christmas Carol." The girls did beautifully, and everybody pronounced it the best yet.

Moon Flower one of the girls who graduated last year, is now teaching for us, and what a joy it is to have her!

We are beginning to see the fruits of our labors. We hope to go on furlough next month, and have left the work in charge of our Chinese brethren in whom we have the utmost confidence.

MARY Y. HOOVER.

### Singapore District.

#### THE CANTONESE CHURCH.

Many and wonderful are the ways in which God has answered prayer on behalf of our Cantonese Church work in Singapore. In the first place God has sent us a splendid preacher who gives us the pure gospel every Sunday. Rev. Lee comes from America where he was a student in Asbury College Kentucky from which school he took his B.A. last June.

In the second place God gave us a most devoted and consecrated Christian worker in our bible woman Mrs. Hoh. She spends the whole of each day visiting and teaching the women, as a result fifty or sixty women are present at every service.

The Cantonese church was organized in September of last year and during these months has grown very rapidly over a hundred people are present at every service and the Sunday School is steadily creeping upwards. Last Sunday one hundred and five were present.

One of the interesting features of the work is the interest that has been aroused in the work during these few months, many young people from the various Mandarin Schools through out the city have been attending our services and a few weeks ago some of the above named class of young men were baptized.

The Christmas programme was a very great success and did much by way of stimulating interest in the church.

One of the interesting features of the programme was the flag drill in which the Chinese flag was used. Before the drill was half finished, the people threw up their hands and shouted. In the midst of the dull the boys sang one stanza of "Onward Christian Soldiers." The whole programme was strictly in keeping with the Christmas spirit and therefore very effective. We are abundantly grateful to God for His clear manifestations of His presence with us. The victory is ours. Glory be to His name!

EMMA OLSON.

## FAIRFIELD GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The prospect for the school has never been better. We are in a community of splendid prosperous Chinese people. They have a keen growing interest in the education of their girls, and an appreciation of work well done. We have a fine class of young girls who are eager for the best the educational world holds for them. They are vaguely conscious of the feeling that if in the dim dear distant future they are to take their rightful places as active members of Society they will need the best preparation that is offered them. Sometimes it is very hard to keep up with these things because of the paucity of teachers, and also because of the crowded conditions of the school-rooms.

Early in the year we had to refuse to admit any more small boys. This has often been a hard thing to do for the mothers plead very earnestly to have them admitted.

The loyalty and helpfulness of the girls has given a great deal of satisfaction. We hope we may soon have help enough to make more use of this for the good of all concerned and get them so united in work and play that they will become more useful members of the larger group of society of which they will soon become members.

During the preparation for a Christmas programme it was suggested that this was a time when we help others who are less fortunate than ourselves. The girls willingly raised \$125 for a hospital that is being built for women and children in our community.

The music department is growing and doing splendid work. The teachers have shown a fine spirit of helpfulness and earnestness in their work. The attendance for the year has been 316.

We need more teachers and more school room. We have begun to solicit help and interest in a new building and trust when we report again to have a splendid new building to report.

MARY E. OLSON.

## METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL, SINGAPORE.

Every year we think that the Methodist Girls' School has reached the limit of its capacity, but in spite of that our average enrolment was 447 and attendance 414. It is heart breaking, however, to have to turn the bright little tots away and explain to their disappointed parents that we are too full to take them in; to which they reply, "But one more won't hurt, Missie, she can sit anywhere." Our building was made for 300 pupils so you can see why we are pleading for more room and a better location. We may get discouraged but we won't stop asking.

In a year of world wide dissatisfaction our teachers, while they have felt it, cannot be praised too much for their loyalty to the school.

Miss Scott left the Cambridge department in August and her classes had to be taken by Miss Olson, the efficient Primary Supervisor, and the Principal. Two girls were presented for the Senior Cambridge

examination and five for the Junior. Their results are not yet in. In Standard VII fifteen were presented and twelve passed; in Standard IV twenty five were presented and all passed. The needlework examination was very satisfactory, special praise being given for the hand made garments in Standard IV. In April we are expecting one of our old girls to come as a teacher from the Gov't Teachers Training school and two more from the Normal School.

It was impossible to do much calling along with the teaching so that we did not have the personal touch with the homes for which we prayed. We must have an English Cambridge teacher as soon as one can come out.

After the week's Evangelistic meetings at Easter time, a band of Christian girls was organized, called the Guild of Christian Sisters. Some of the girls tried year after year to keep faithful after the special meetings but would grow discouraged and give up, so the guild was organized to furnish a sisterly helpfulness among them. Several times this year some girl came and said that she was discouraged or had failed and wanted to resign but when she was made to understand that her perseverance and spirit had a direct effect on the others, she took up her task again and not a girl has been lost except through leaving the school. They met after school every other Friday, and gradually those who never had any Christian teaching learned to lead the meeting and pray before the rest. One girl stole some money and through the prayers and sympathetic influence of her Sisters, she confessed and paid it back. Another was forced to worship idols and in distress came to her Sisters for help. The keynote was sincere devotion to Christ and accepting this daily guidance. We made no effort to bring in any social activity: the time was so full of real heart interest in these young Christians that there was no need of special efforts to hold their enthusiasm. At eight o'clock three times a week. Miss Olson conducts chapel for the little folks. The room is again filled at ten o'clock with the upper standard girls and this meeting is led by the principal. Then on Tuesday they meet for singing and on Thursday, all above Std. IV have Bible Study Class.

The years work on a whole has been encouraging. Our blessings have been many and we give Him our thanks. However, there are many improvements to be made so we have great hopes for the new year.

REA VOKE.

#### NIND HOME.

The year 1918 was marked in Nind Home as a year of epidemics. The year 1919 was very free from sickness probably owing to the good vacation the girls had at the mid year holidays at the sea side. Our kind friend Dr. Handy putting his house at Siglap at our disposal.

We took in a number of new girls. Many of them small and mostly paying girls. On Scholarship we received two bright Tamil girls whose late father had been a faithful Colporteur of the Bible Society, also two

motherless Chinese girls who have just come to us from Java. The Home, besides paying half of Miss Steele's home going—(Rev. W. T. Cherry kindly collected the other half)—has been able to put \$1,000 into repairs, which will cost \$5,000 the entire sum to be found locally.

For many months we have been inconvenienced by these repairs. The tiles have been off the roof, the joints removed and new ceiling needed. One afternoon the men opened up a large area of tiles and left it. In the night a heavy storm of rain came on. We worked for more than an hour moving furniture at midnight. One thing we over-looked; that was the Jubilee mite box, the water tickled down its opening and the paper ten cent notes were a sorry sight when taken out.

We hope that repairs will not be needed for many years and soon we will be enjoying our rivated house, with electric light, the gift of Mrs. Frank Severance of Bufalo N. Y. Then all will feel rewarded for the discomforts they have suffered the past months. It has not been easy for our busy teachers to crowd into a dormitory.

After Miss Steele returned to America Miss Mary Keasberry, one of my old girls, kindly came from British North Borneo to help me. She with our faithful Sattam has taken care of our dress girls who live in the main building. Chye Keo has been our Chinese matron, becoming more and more capable the longer she is with us. In spite of high prices she is doing her best to give the girls tasty and nourishing food. It seems to me in these details we can trace the good hand of God upon us.

In Nind Home day school we had too many changes for our good in the First and Second Standard last year, but Tynai was a tower of strength in the Primary classes, and had so many bright little pupils. This year Lee Nan and Grace are doing good work in the First and Second standards.

At Christmas time we had no "boxes" but so many kind friends rallied to our help with funds to buy gifts for all our girls, and different ladies dressed dolls daintily. What pleasure these gave the little ones who hardly put them down by day or night!

Our front room was all dismantled and the ceiling down when we had our tree but palms, flags and lanterns made a pretty effect and the programme went off nicely. The small girls' representation of the Good Samaritan pleased Dr. Norton of the Interchurch Movement who was with us—The "traveller" being a Tamil girl and the "Good Samaritan" Chinese.

During the year our different Bands have kept up well and have been a help to the girls. We have the Messenger Service, for the older girls. The Rummets' Band for the middle sized girls and the gleaners for the small girls. Their pledge, "To be trustworthy, loyal and good comrades" give them ideals to aim for. The different bands have their own officers, the minutes of the Gleaners are very simple and ungram-



matical but interesting. The prayer meetings once a month in each band are very helpful. Now that we will no longer have our Jubilee box we hope once a month to have a missionary meeting in each band. On Christmas Day our matron and Mrs. Goh, a Chinese lady who is a student and lives in Nind Home, were baptized. We thank God for these two young women.

The faithfulness of Sattam and Tynai to their Saviour has been the means of their sister with husband and children wanting to belong to the Kingdom of God.

#### MISS BLACKMÖRE.

#### BIBLE WOMAN'S TRAINING SCHOOL.

The enrollment for the year was eleven, six in the Vernacular Department and five in the English Department. Two of these were day students who came for the class periods only—an arrangement, however, which in the past has not brought good results and which we therefore do not recommend for the future. During the year two students of the Vernacular Department dropped out. In December the graduation exercises of the English Department were held and Miss Mary Lee of Medan, Sumatra and Miss Mah Lia of Penang received their diplomas and returned to their respective home schools and churches to do Christian work. Two new students have thus far been received for the new year and more expect to enter soon. Five girls are definitely planning to come just as soon as they finish their Cambridge studies. We are glad to wait for them for they will get so much more out of the Training School if they have had good preparation before entering. Four of our girls this year were Cambridge girls, one having in addition completed Senior Normal.

The music department under Miss Chapman deserves special mention. We believe that music is very important in the training of workers for effective service. The girls are given three distinct courses in music—one in piano in which the fundamentals, technique, etc. are taught, another on the organ in which special instruction and practice in hymn playing is given and a third in the theory of music. The women of the Vernacular Department are taught hymn-playing.

Final examinations for the year were given in the following studies: Pupil and Teacher, Church History, Life of Christ, The Acts, Paul and His Epistles Old Testament History, Hebrew Poetry and Wisdom Literature, Prophecy and the Prophets, Psychology, Comparative Religion, Sociology and a Study of China. The average grades for the Senior girls were 90% and 78% and for the Junior girls 84% and 86%. One of the missionaries recently out from home who was asked to write out the questions and mark the papers in certain subjects was much impressed with the quality of work done by the students and said it compared very favorably with first year college work at home and that the girls were evidently not merely reproducing what was in their books, but were thinking things out for themselves.

During the latter half of the year Mr. Sullivan of the Jean Hamilton Training School taught combined classes of the two schools in Church History, Pupil and Teacher and School of Prayer. This was a very satisfactory arrangement, made the class work in those studies more interesting because of the larger number in the classes and gave the principal a little more time for work in the Chinese Department. We attended the six month's course of lectures on the Life of Christ given at the Y. M. C. A. by Rev. William Cross of the Presbyterian Church. It was indeed a privilege to have the advantage of the scholarly research and original thinking of such a student of the Bible as Mr. Cross. We try to take advantage of opportunities in the community round about for broadening us and increasing our knowledge and in turn try to make the school a benefit to the community by giving its students practice in community helpfulness.

Mrs. Ho, the new Cantonese Bible Woman who came down from China with Miss Emma Olson is living with us and teaching Cantonese in the school, besides doing unusually heavy and effective work in the Cantonese church, she is without doubt the right woman in the right place. Her coming was an answer to earnest prayers.

Mrs. Lim Chin Eng, the loyal matron who for many years has been most faithful to the school is still with us. Not enough appreciation and recognition can be given her for the valuable service she has rendered. Without her, the principal would have been greatly handicapped in solving difficult problems and understanding Chinese thought. The work of the school is hard because of the long hours and intensive teaching, but there is satisfaction in the thought that lives are being developed that will reach out and touch many other lives for good and that leaders are being trained for a large share in the work of Christianizing Malaysia.

EVA NELSON.

#### HOKKIEN CHURCH, TELOK AYER.

The work under Rev. Lim Poh Chin, pastor and Mr. Lim Un Tien, Sunday School Superintendent, both very faithful and efficient, continues to grow. Moa Chi, the Bible Woman makes an average of one hundred calls a month in the homes of the women. Mrs. Chin Eng and the Training School students continue to help in the Sunday School and visit in the homes. The help of Miss Mah Lia in the primary department and at the organ has been especially appreciated. Many young people are becoming interested in the Sunday School and are taking an active part in its work. This is a very hopeful phase of the work, for in the near future we expect to have a large new church and make it a real community center, and shall need many leaders. The people are learning that Christmas is a time to think of others and for several years have saved their Christmas Subscriptions for an emergency fund to help needy people throughout the year. At a special New Year service a

free—will thank—offering to \$255. There was a congregation of about one hundred and fifty people present that Sunday, and almost every week it is impossible to comfortable seat the people who come.

EVA NELSON.

#### HOKKIEN CHURCH, GELANG.

In spite of the fact that M Chi, the Bible woman has been unable because of illness and long distances to do as much work as she had hoped to do, the attendance of women has increased and the work has gone on successfully. She has taught some of the women to read hymns and the Bible in the Romanized and has taught in the Sunday School. Since Mrs. Cherry's illness in the early part of the year and her departure for America later on, there has been no missionary in charge except in a general way to advise and assist the Bible woman. The efficient pastor, Rev. Lim Hong Ban, brother of the Telok Ayer preacher, has done very faithful work. We hope that more assistance will be given him in the coming year.

EVA NELSON.

#### HINGHUA CHURCH.

The women's work in this church is rather difficult. In fact for a number of years the congregation was composed almost entirely of men who came here from China without their wives and families to engage in various kinds of work. Now there are more homes open to Christian visitors and the Bible Woman, Siok Jin of the Bible Training School graduating class two years ago, reports that she has visited regularly in thirty homes during the year. In eight of these homes the women are Christians, in twelve they are very favorably inclined to Christianity and will be baptized as soon as they know more of the Christian principles and teachings and in ten of the homes the women are just beginning to get a glimpse of the light, but have not yet broken away from idol worship. The Bible Woman and pastor's wife have assisted in the Sunday School teaching visited in the homes of those who were sick or in trouble and taught the children about Jesus. Work in this church would progress more rapidly if there could be a missionary in charge able to speak Hinghua.

EVA NELSON.

#### TAMIL CHURCH, SINGAPORE.

We are very grateful to our Heavenly Father for the many blessings which this church has enjoyed during the past year.

The Sunday services have been remarkably well attended even though many of our people must come long distances and means of transportation were very limited. There has been a very noticeable increase in the attendance and at times extra chairs were placed in the aisles.



At the close of a service when extra chairs had been brought in, a steward remarked, "Within the last seven or eight years, I have never seen the church so full at an ordinary Sunday service as it was to-day."

The work in the S. S. has also been very encouraging and progressive. The attendance throughout the year, with the exception of the holiday season, has been very satisfactory, and teachers and pupils alike have been very loyal. The present enrolment of the school is 90.

The Children's Day service was held June 14th, and besides a very interesting programme having been rendered, the sum of \$263 which was collected by the children, was handed in for the Jean Hamilton Training School.

The Sixth Ingathering service was held on Oct. 4th and this event proved a great success. The hall was filled with members and friends of the church who paid liberally for the articles which were on sale. The total amount realized was \$630.

Another interesting and new feature in the work of the church was the organization by the young men of a Christmas Carol party. On Christmas eve these men travelled up and down the city from early in the evening until 6:15 on Christmas morning, visiting all the members and friends of the church, and singing songs to the accompaniment of violins. They carried a star-shaped lantern which bore the following inscription, "Unto Us a Child is Born." This attracted a good deal of attention. The men were very heartily received by everyone and lives were touched that night which we hope will soon be brought into the Kingdom.

The church has also undertaken the entire support of the pastor for 1920, thus relieving him of school duties and making it possible for him to devote his entire time to the work of the church.

The work in the E. L. has not been as encouraging as we should like to report. The president has been ill almost constantly, and consequently interest in the League lessened for a period. We are thankful, however, that God has revived His work which is again promising.

We are thankful for the spirit of loyalty, of christian fellowship, and of love which pervades the church, and pray that God will bless and prosper the work during the coming year.

CAROLYN LITTLE.

#### FOOCHOW CHURCH.

The work this year has been hindered by a shortage of leaders. Most of the time the pastor has had to be Sunday School Superintendent and teach the Men's class as well. The missionary in charge being limited to a boys' class, because of language, has not been able to give much assistance and very few calls have been made except by the pastor who has done his best in faithful service. We have had no Bible Woman this year and the need is so great that we hope one can be secured at once.



The baptisms and membership have increased but the Sunday School attendance and self support have fallen off. This congregation is about the most transient in the city so it is hard to show any gain or keep leaders and the young pastor realizes this. Will you pray for more workers.

The Christmas programme was the best we have ever had in interest and dignity. The children were nicely trained and the treat was quietly appreciated. The real Christmas spirit prevailed.

REA VOKE.

#### LEPER WORK.

There are about thirty-four women, in the Leper Hospital, which our mission people visit. The first Sunday of the month is taken by Mr. and Mrs. Baird. Before Rev. and Mr. Cherry went home, they had charge of this Sunday and administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The Second Sunday Mrs. Voke visited them and some times Miss Della Olson went in her place or on the fourth Sunday instead of her sister, until Miss Chenoweth came and now fills that date. Miss Satchell of the Church of England hospital holds a service with them the third Sunday of the month. The fifth Sabbath is taken by arrangement from among our people.

We get more inspiration often times than we give for they are so cheerful and try so hard to live up to what they understand of Christian joy and helpfulness. Mary McGruggor, though blind is the light of their home. Her disease is stayed and she could be dismissed but she has no home and cannot take care of herself, so she tells the rest how to sew, cook, and take care of the place. She was put in a Convent at the age of six and learned to do such things but many who come there know no house keeping and are on the whole uneducated, so as soon as a person comes, she place them according to age and ability and their education begins. The children learn to read English and Malay, and to sing hymns chiefly in Malay, but special ones in English to please the missionaries.

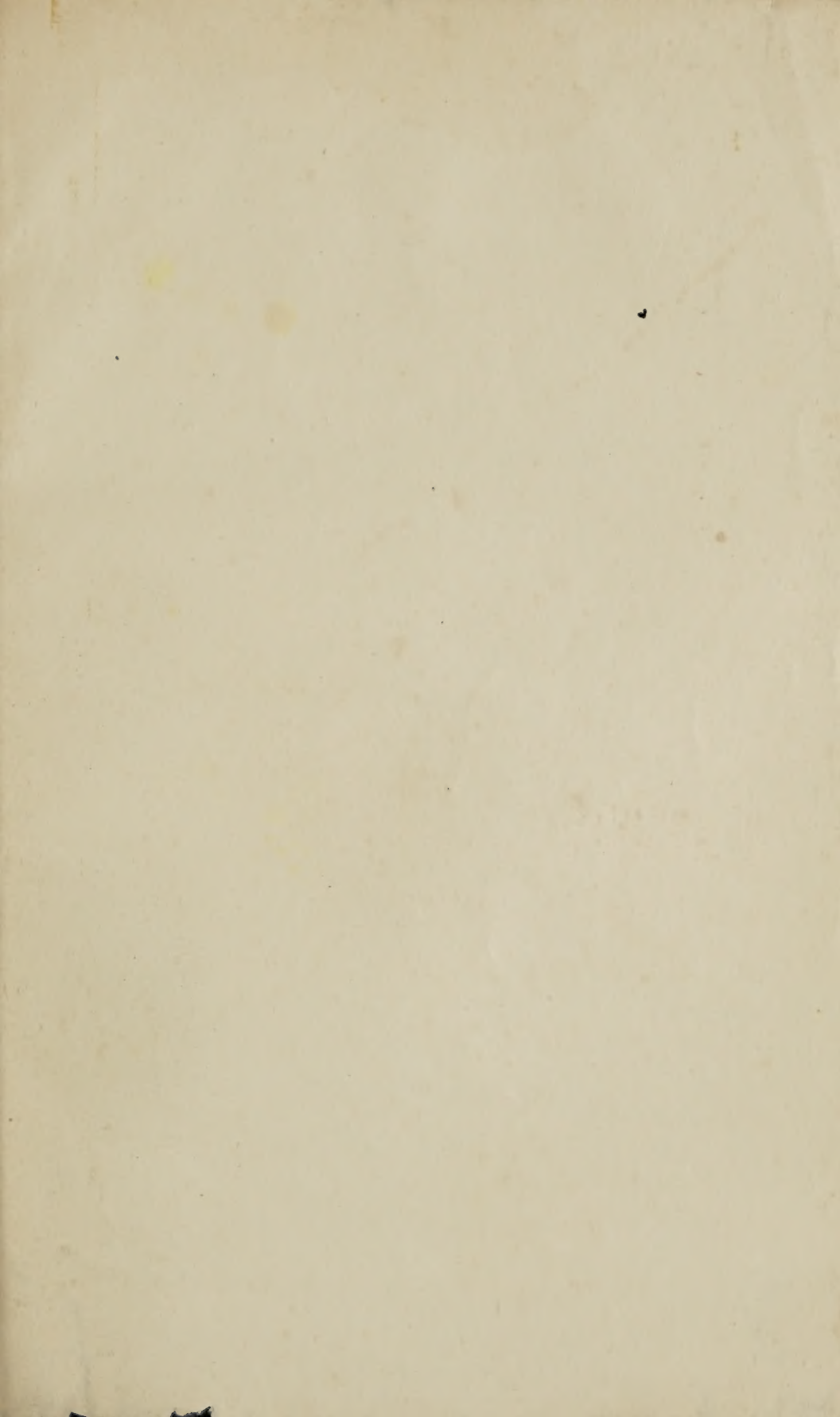
If any of our Mission folks are ill, they become the special subject of their prayers. There is no one going now who can teach them in Malay so Mary translates our English to them. They were very glad to have some of the girls from the Bible Training School come, when they could get off from Sunday School duties for they would teach them in Chinese.

How they love stories! We find they like very much to be told about world affairs, Singapore events, tales out of schools, kindergarden stories of interesting experience we have had, and they talk them over for weeks—Mary is such an earnest Christian and is so eager for the gospel that some times instead of translating what you have said, she gives a little sermon from her own experience before she remembers that the rest are waiting to hear what we are saying.

Christmas is their big time of the year. About everything was so expensive that though we got the usual \$60 and from the W. C. T. U. we could buy only kabiahs and no sarongs as usual. The boys of the Oldham Hall Boarding School bought a small victrola for them which they keenly appreciate and various people have donated records. They tried hard to conceal their disappointment but they had very little compared with their gifts of other years. The W. C. T. U. has kindly given enough to present each with a sarong at Chinese New Year.

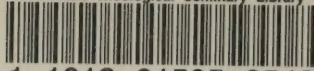
One of the fine points that shows their appreciation is the way they scrub the floor where we stand with disinfectant and try to have it all dry and clean by the time we get there. One day the water supply was short and the day very damp so we discovered this bit of thoughtfulness after having visited them for over three years.

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